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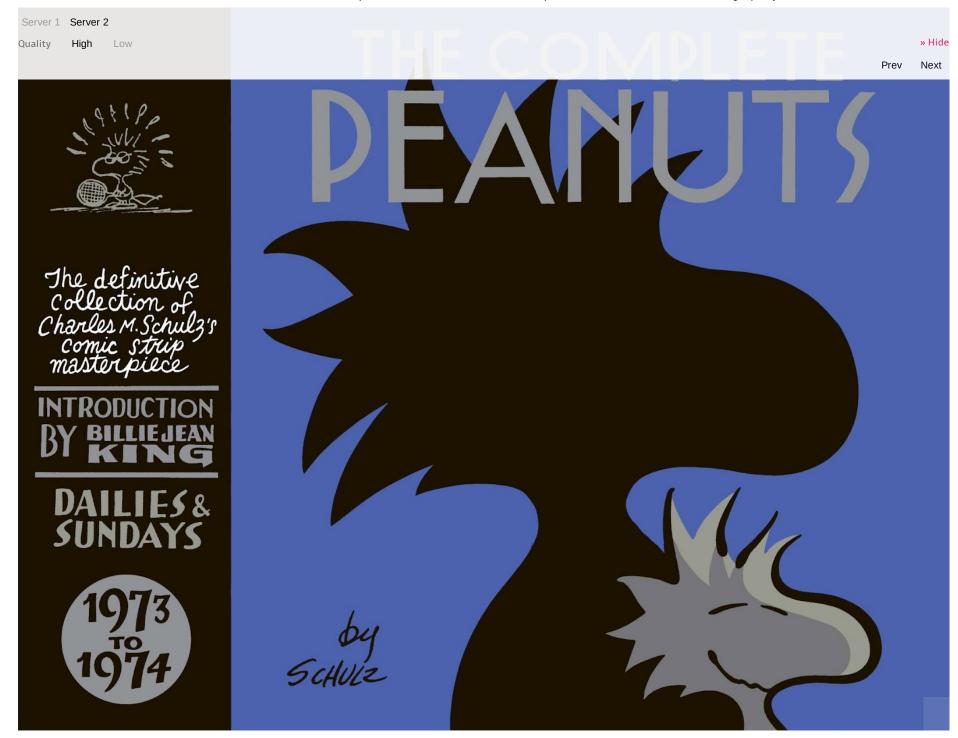
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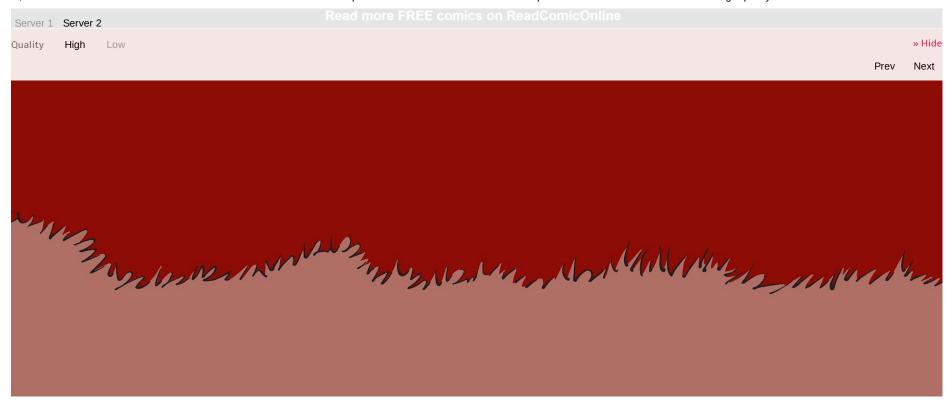
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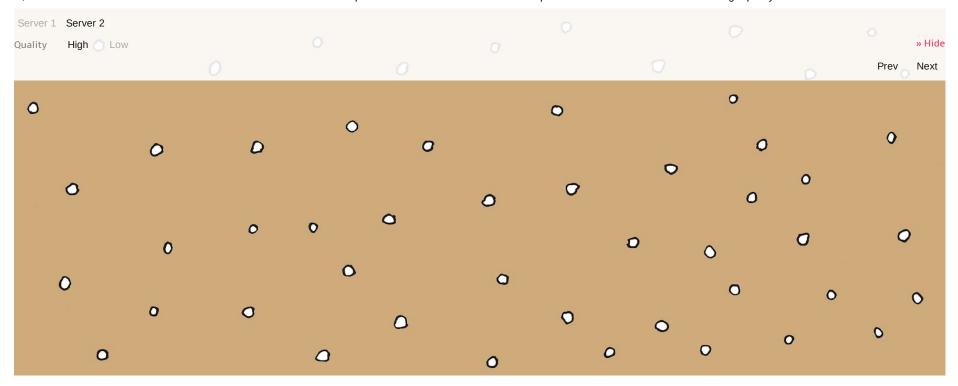
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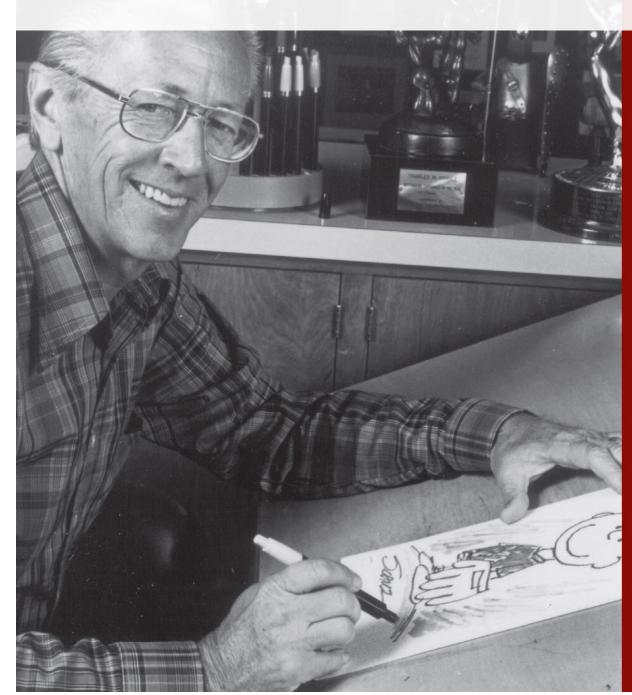
"LIFE SURE IS STRANGE... AND THEY SAY WE ONLY COME THIS WAY ONCE.."

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Charles M. Schulz at his drawing board at 1 Snoopy Place, circa 1975. Courtesy of the Schulz Family.



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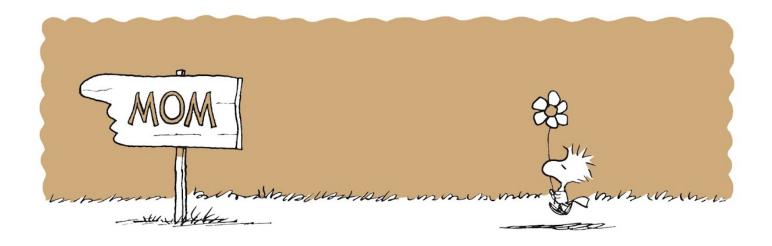
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FOREWORD by BILLIE JEAN KING

The 1970s were one of the most formative decades in the history of our nation. It was a time where our society was coming of age — a new age for many of us — and issues like integrity, equality, humanity and acceptance were being debated in the streets, in corporate boardrooms and at dinner tables all across the country.

Yet in the midst of all of these life-changing moments stood at least one constant and stable voice of reason — the writings of Charles M. Schulz.

As a professional athlete I was blessed to travel the globe. During these years I had many

wonderful, eye-opening experiences. Regardless of where I was, I knew that any day I could read *Peanuts* first thing in the morning it was going to be a great day. Especially on those days when I was away from home there was a comfortable feeling, a special type of security that I enjoyed with Charlie, Lucy and the gang. My friend Charles "Sparky" Schulz gave that gift to me and to millions of other loyal readers all around the globe.

It was only fitting that our mutual support of Title IX, the groundbreaking legislation that in 1972 called for equal opportunities in the class-

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room and in sports for women and men at educational institutions around the country, brought Sparky and me together.

He was an ardent supporter of women's sports and the work being done by the Women's Sports Foundation and was one of the first trustees of the organization. Sparky frequently featured women athletes and referenced Title IX in *Peanuts*.

Shortly after I finished my days on the professional tennis tour, Rosie Casals, founder and owner of Sportswoman, promoted the Women's Tennis Classic and we competed for the Snoopy Cup. Sparky hosted the annual event, which was played at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena in his hometown of Santa Rosa, California. The tournament was a favorite of many of us because we were treated so well. It wasn't that

we were pampered, it was that Sparky and everyone around him treated us as family — it was how he treated most everyone who was lucky enough to get to know him. While I have been fortunate enough to win some of the most prestigious titles in tennis, the trophy from the Snoopy Cup remains one of my most cherished mementos from my tennis career. Sparky was a sound tennis player himself. He made very quality decisions on the court and was always looking for ways to improve his game. He also was an ardent fan of the sport and became one of the most loyal fans of Ilana Kloss and the Golden Gaters of World TeamTennis, the co-ed professional tennis league started in 1974.

While it may have been our mutual support of Title IX and our shared enjoyment of tennis that initially brought us together, it was a common

> love for life that kept us close through the years. Sparky taught me to be truthful and through his comic strip he shared his real life experiences with each of us on a daily basis.

Sparky was Charlie Brown. He was not a real talkative man, but was definitely a very deep thinker. It

was when he put a pen in his hand and went to work on a *Peanuts* comic strip he became insightful and poetic, and truly exposed himself to the world.

I remember once he had listed President Dwight Eisenhower, golfer Sam Snead and me as his three favorite people. I was both honored and embarrassed. It blew me away that he thought so

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highly of me. The feeling was mutual. We shared quiet lunches of tuna salad sandwiches, root beers and chocolate chip cookies and solved the world's problems together. Then I would go back out on the road and he would go back to the drawing board to create his next *Peanuts* strip. Those were the special moments where we bared our souls to each other.

I wasn't the only athlete that was close to Sparky. He had a love for figure skating and

he admired Olympic Gold Medalists Peggy Fleming and Scott Hamilton and ice dancer Judy Sladky, who often performed as Snoopy in various ice skating shows and was Alice Snuffelupagus on Sesame Street. He also included my friends, and fellow tennis players, Rosie Casals, Sharon Walsh, Tracy Austin, John

McEnroe and John Newcombe in *Peanuts*. He had a deep impact on their lives just as he did on mine.

From time to time, Sparky included me in *Peanuts*. A particular favorite of mine had Peppermint Patty telling Marcie, "Has anyone ever told you that when you're mad, you look just like Billie Jean King?" Trust me: my friends had a

heyday with that one.

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Sparky referenced me several times in *Peanuts* and it was his way of letting me know that we needed to talk or just catch up with one another. He rarely phoned me, but when he wanted to check in, he dropped a reference in *Peanuts* because we both knew I would read it every day I could. So I would call him and we would talk and then — you know what? — life was better. As we say today, it was all good. Like so many of

Sparky's insightful characters, he gave me strength and often a healthy laugh when I needed it the most.

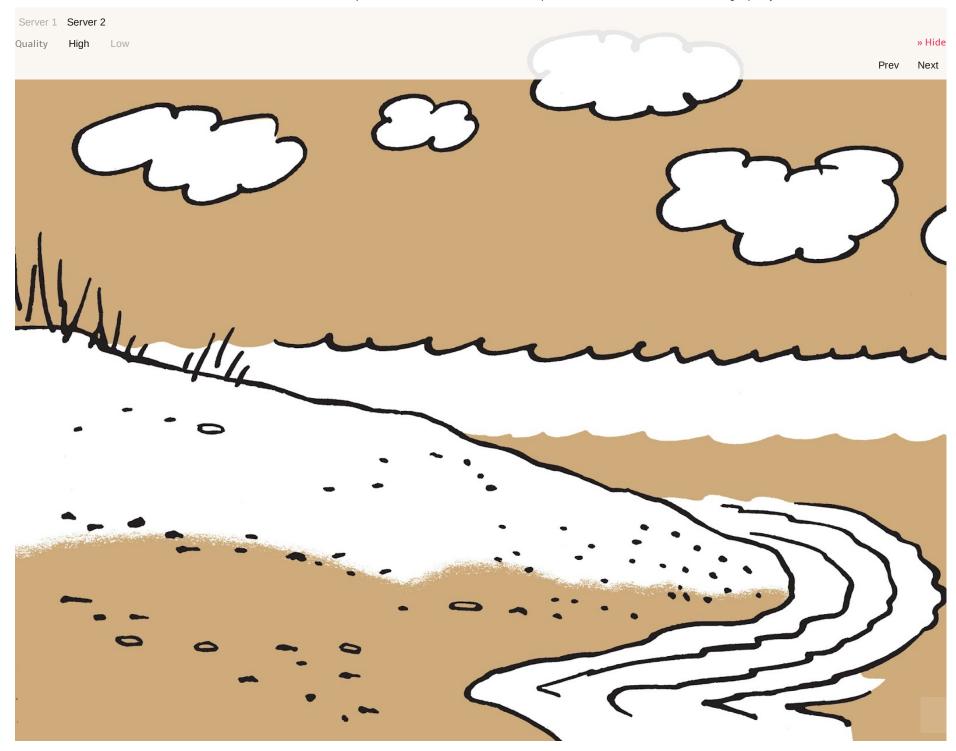
Jeannie Schulz, Sparky's wife, said, "He was not worried about his legacy, he was living it." Truer words were probably never spoken about Sparky. He lived in the "now" and he shared his

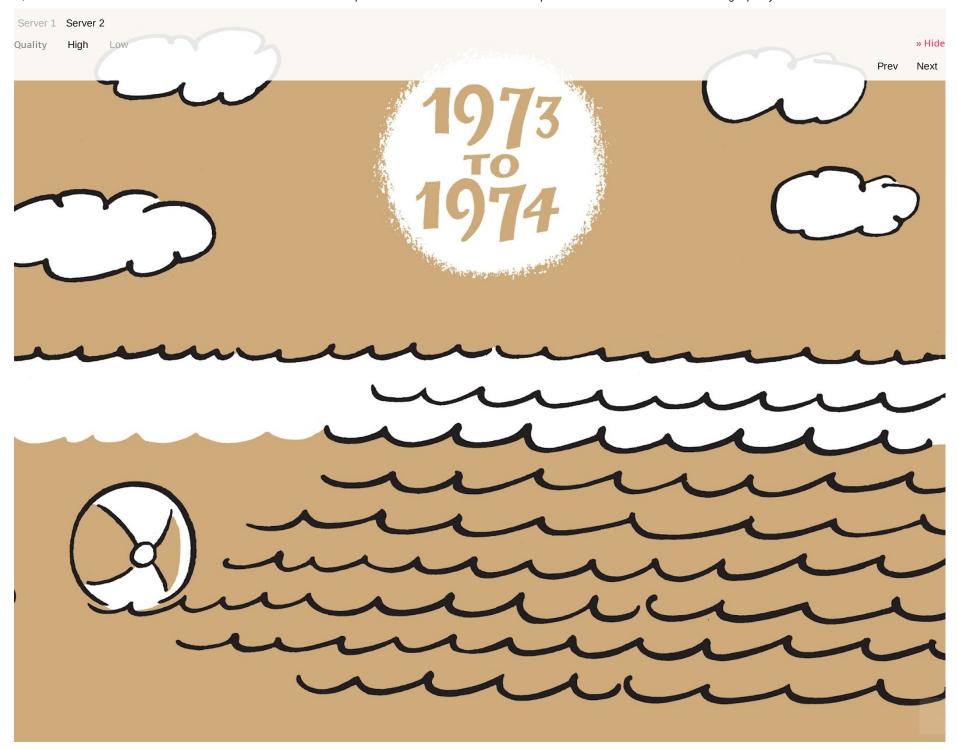
insightful take on life with all of us through the whole *Peanuts* gang.

Sparky Schulz got it and still, today, I know that any day I can start by reading *Peanuts* is a great day.

I hope you enjoy the humor and the real life reflection in this collection of *Peanuts* strips and every day brings you joy.

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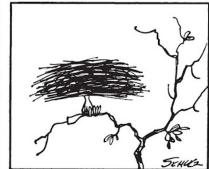
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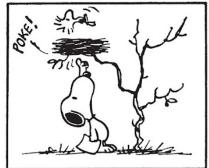




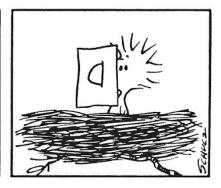


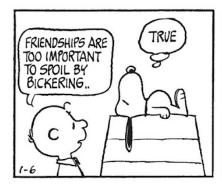






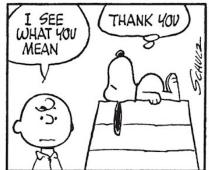






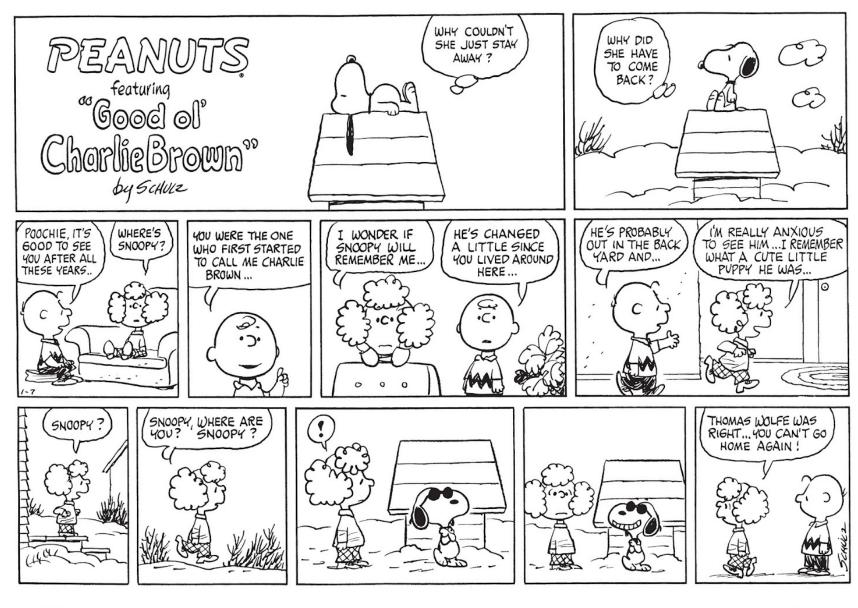






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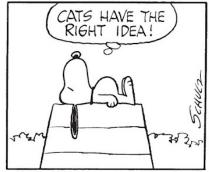
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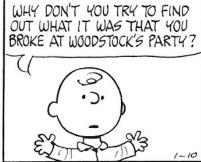


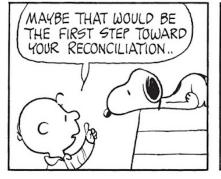














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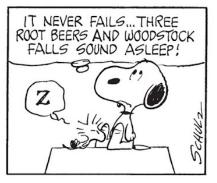












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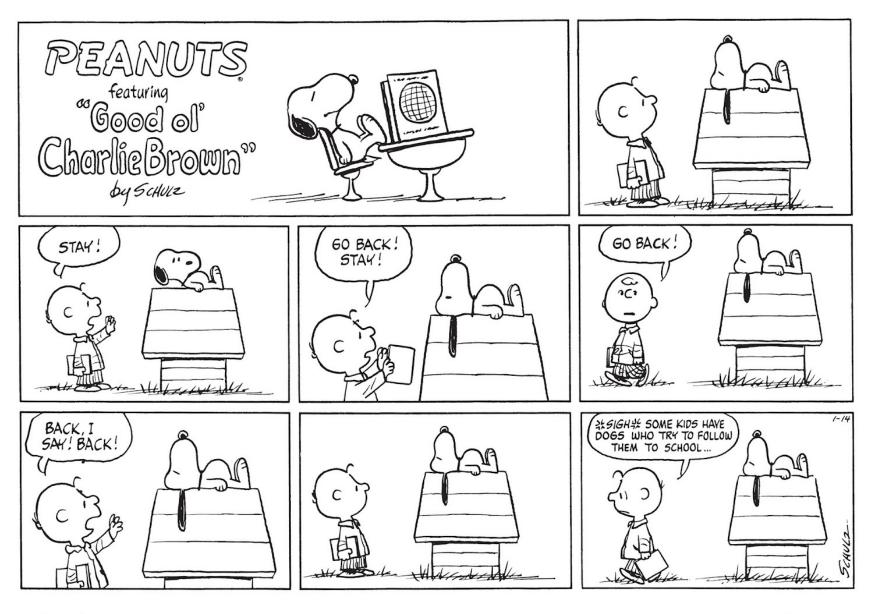
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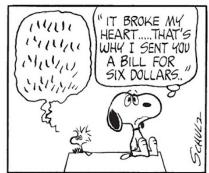
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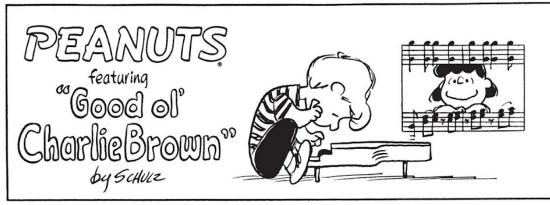


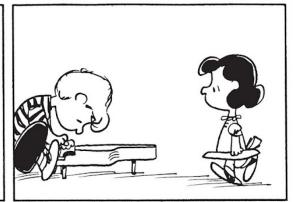




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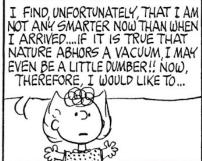
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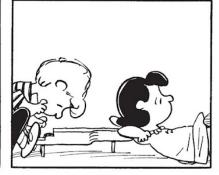








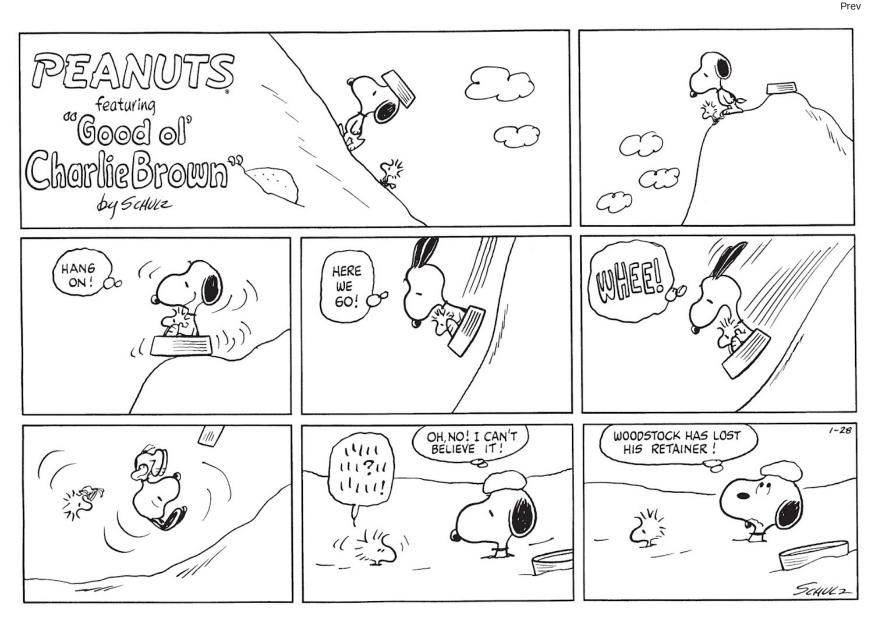






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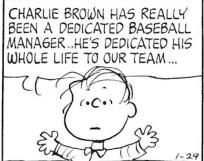
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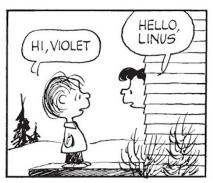
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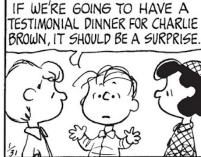
















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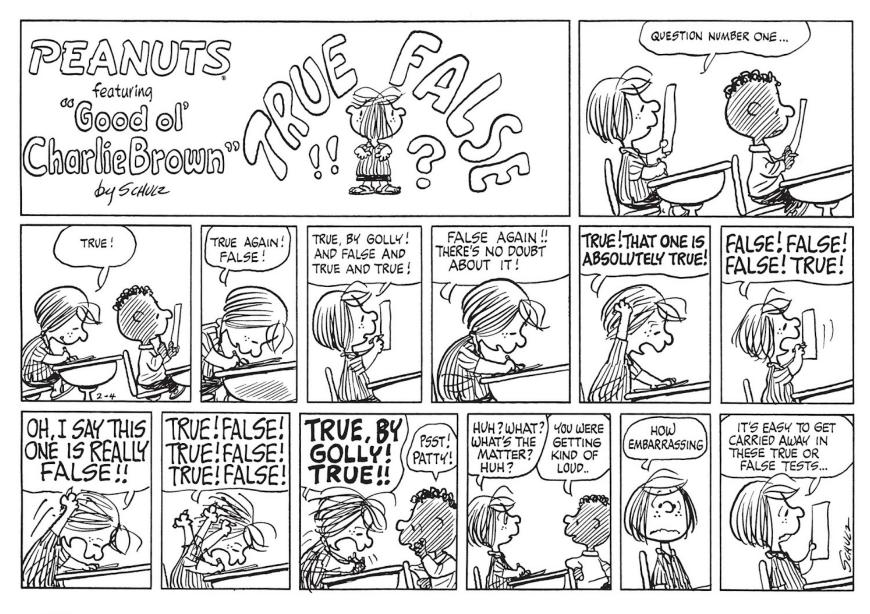


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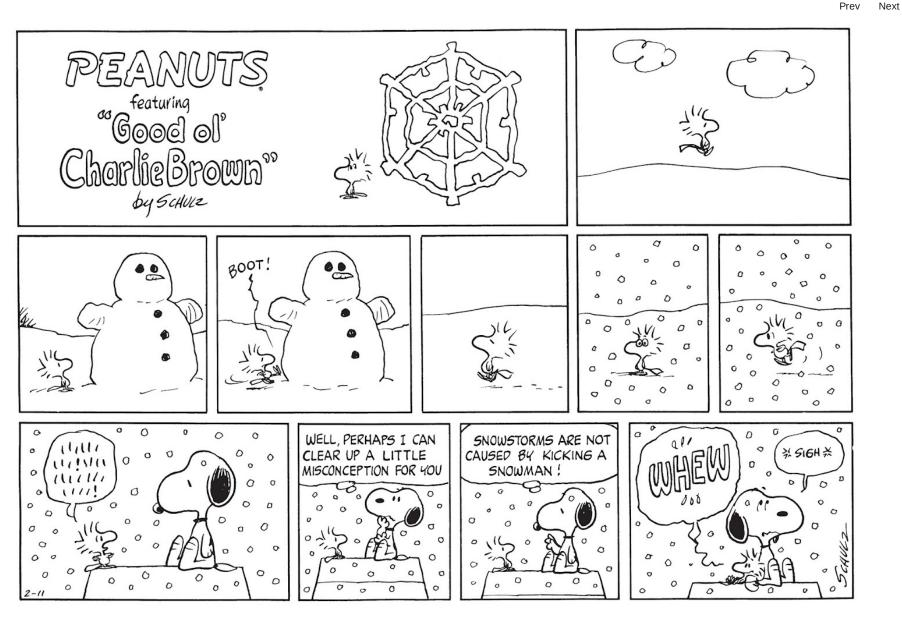






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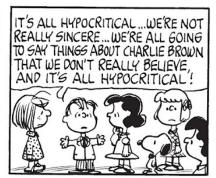


















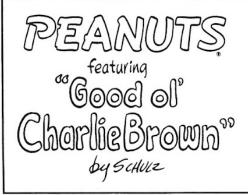


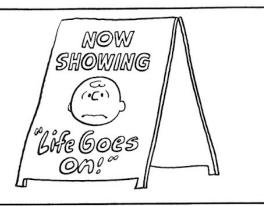


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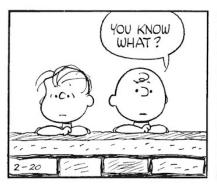
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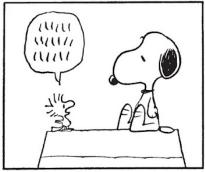
















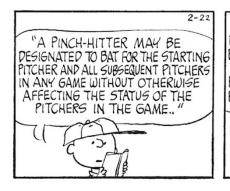
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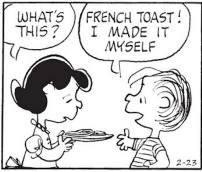


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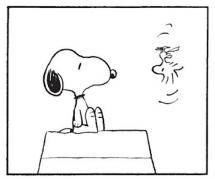


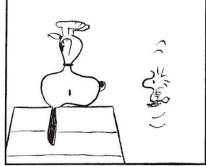


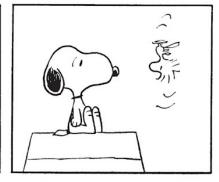








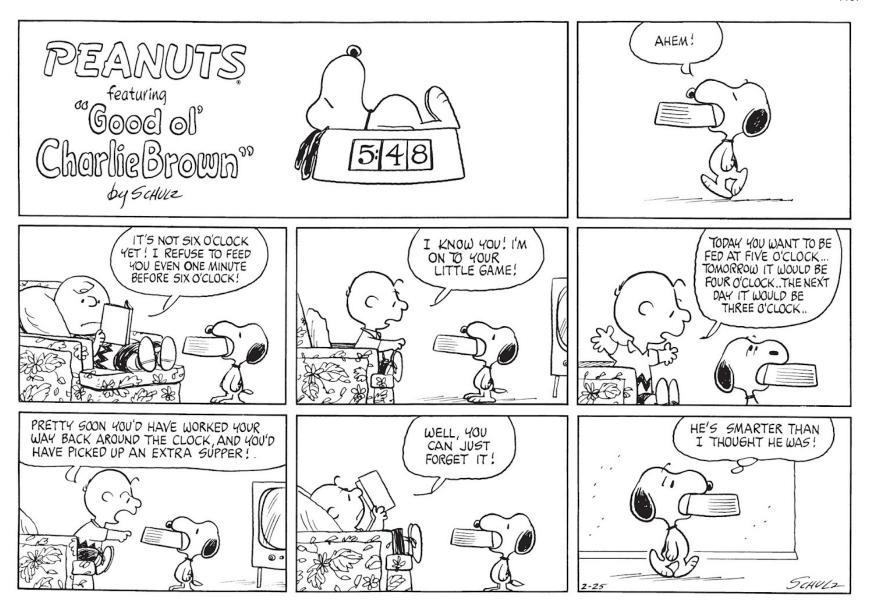






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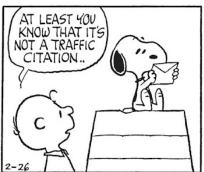


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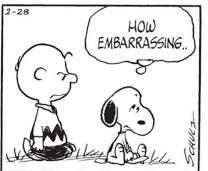










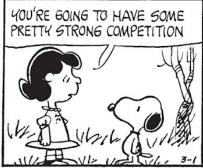


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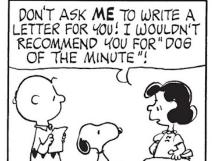










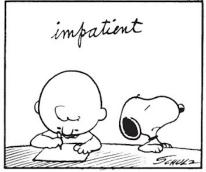










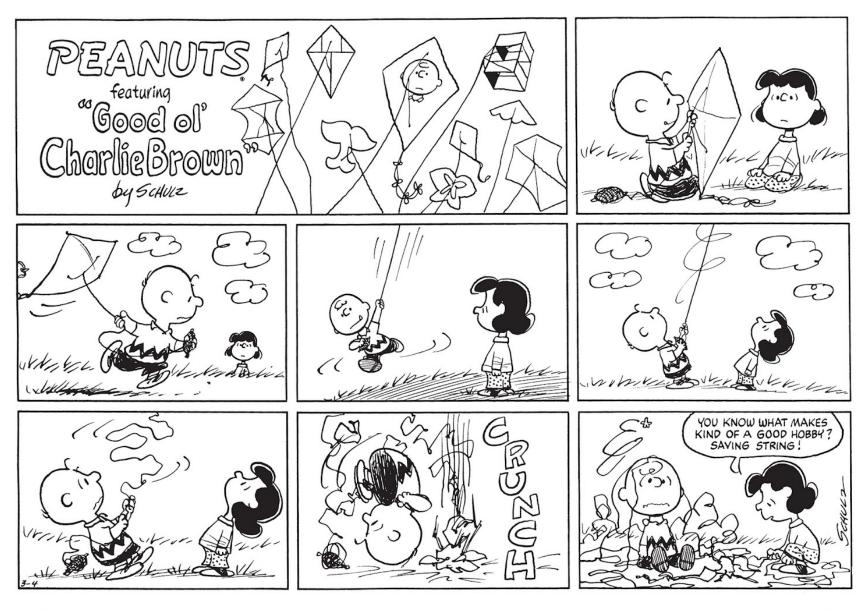


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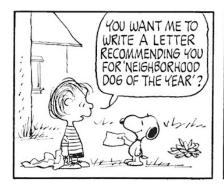
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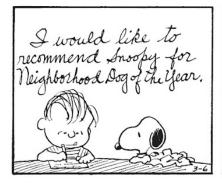
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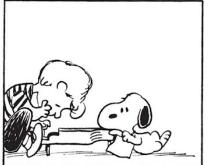


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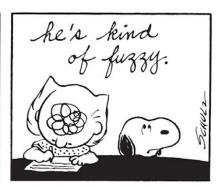






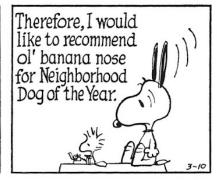












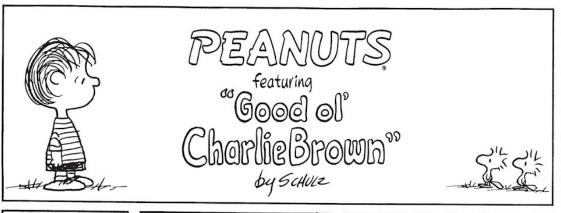


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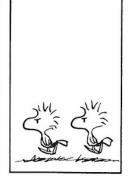


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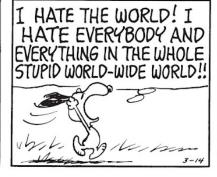








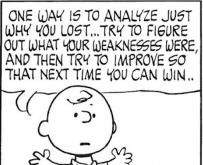






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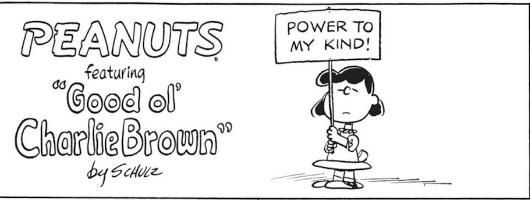




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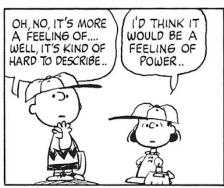
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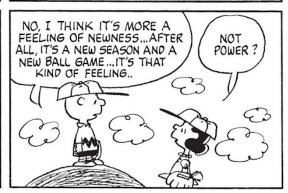






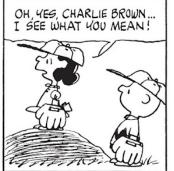










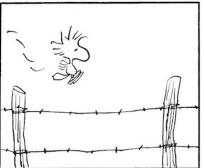




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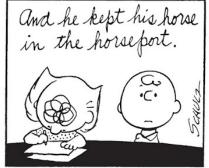












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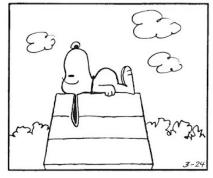














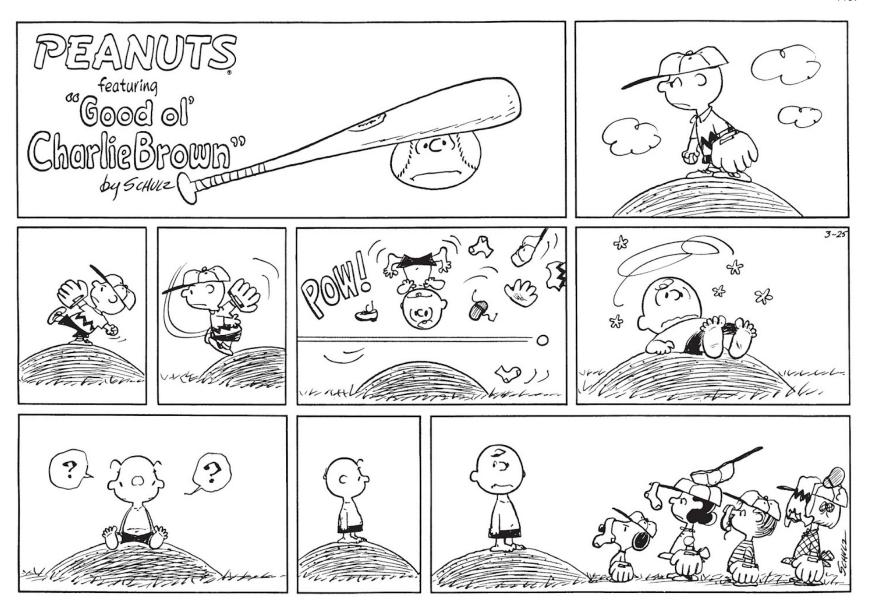




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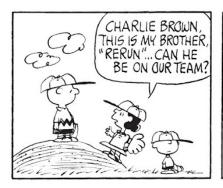


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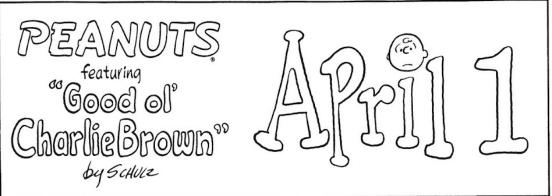




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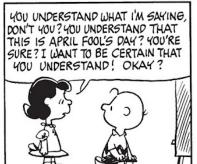
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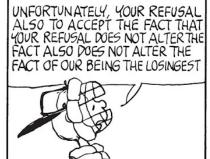


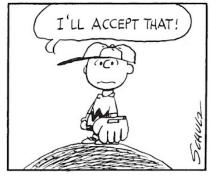












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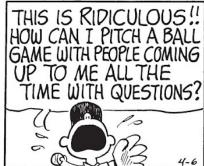


















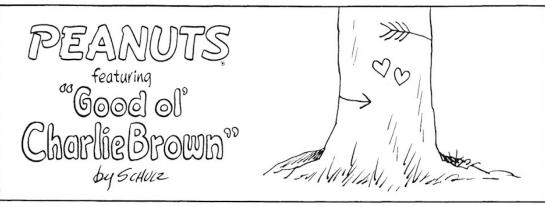






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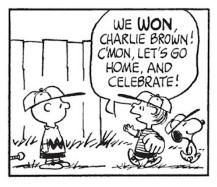
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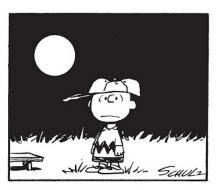




















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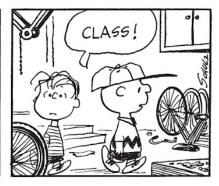












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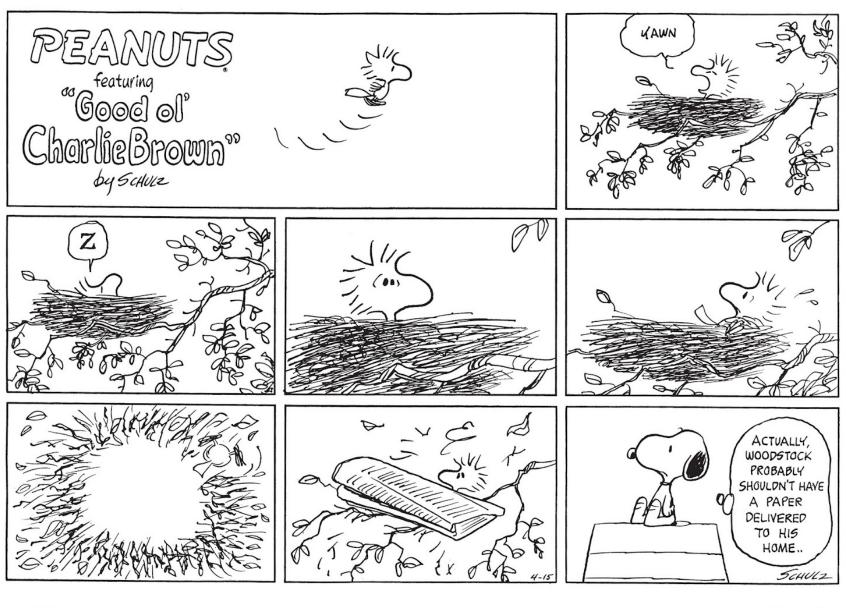
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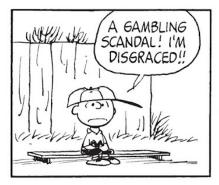






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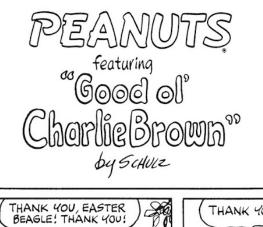








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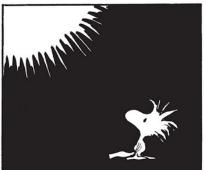


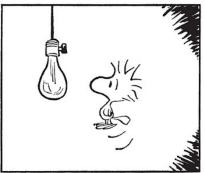
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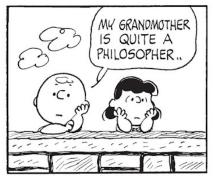
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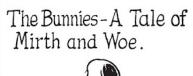














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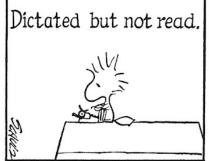








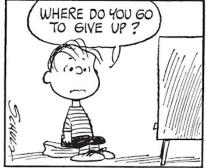












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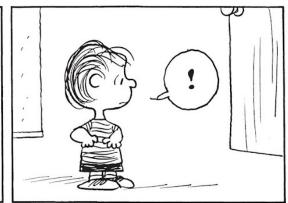
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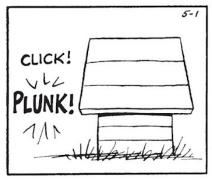
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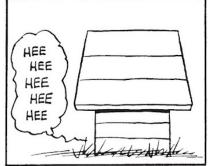










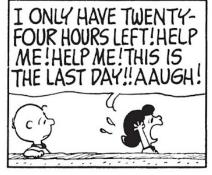


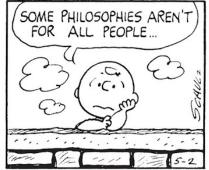












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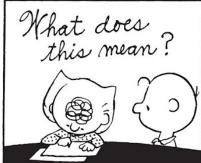




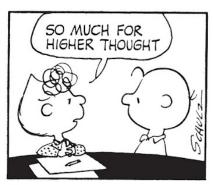












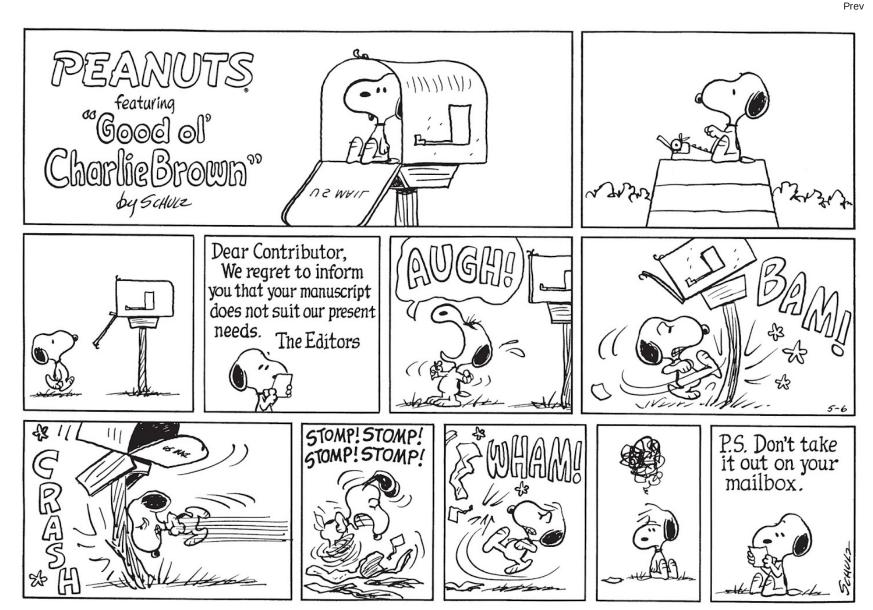








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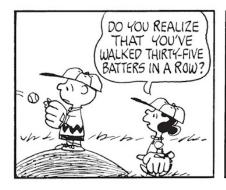






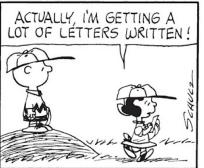








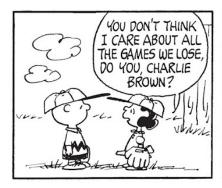




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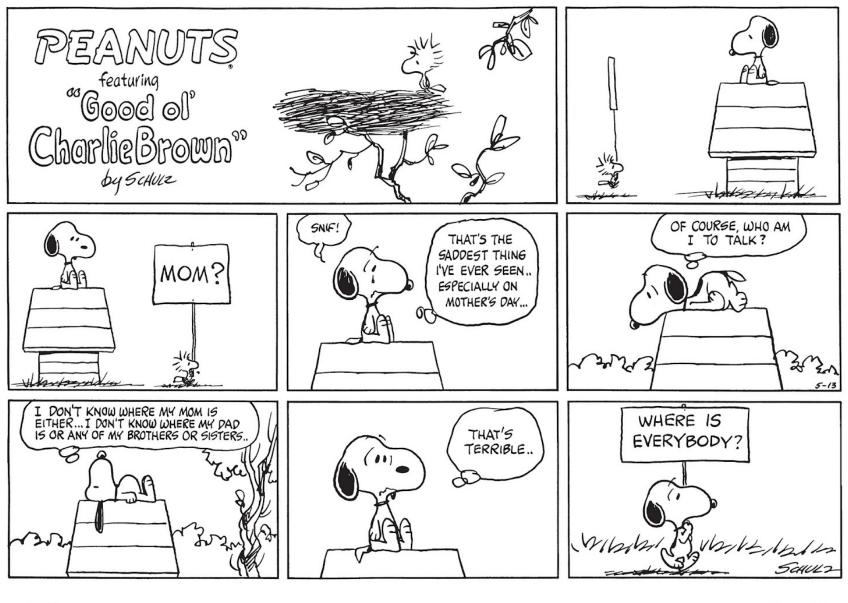


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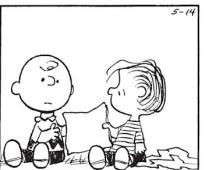
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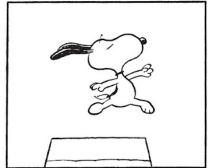
























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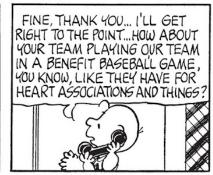




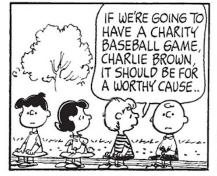












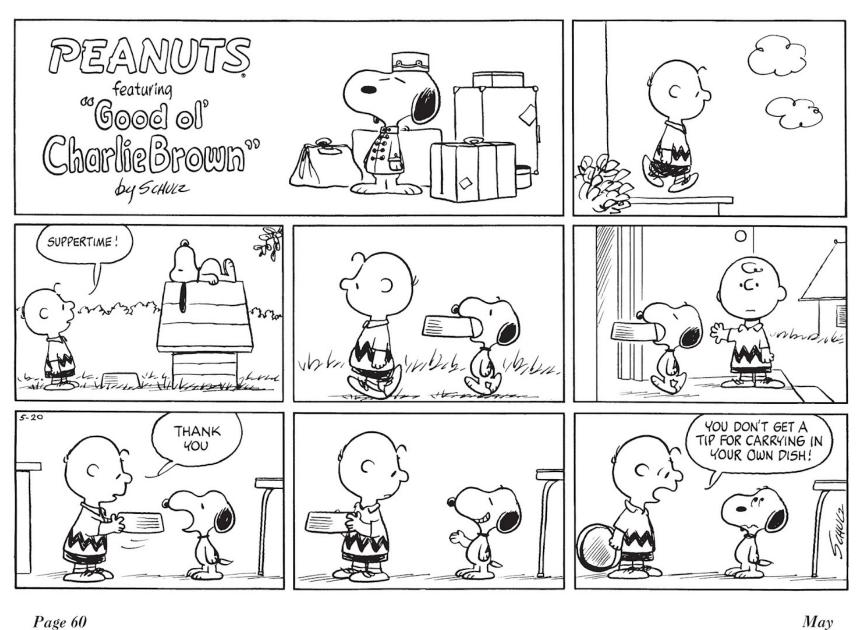






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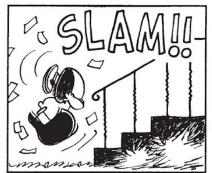
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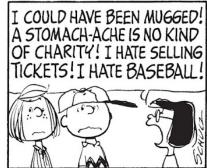


















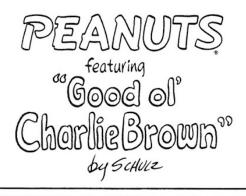


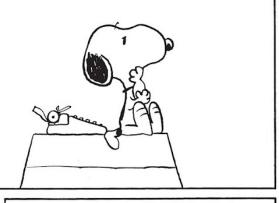
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"I love you," she said, and together they laughed. Then one day she said,"I hate you," and they cried. But not together.



"What happened to the love that we said would never die?" she asked. "It died," he said.

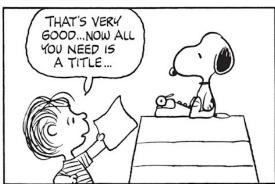


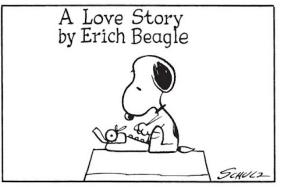
The first time he saw her she was playing tennis. The last time he saw her she was playing tennis.



- "Ours was a Love set," he said, "but we double-faulted."
- "You always talked a better game than you played," she said.







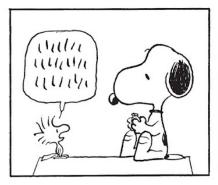
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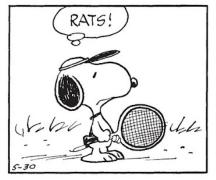












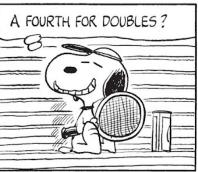


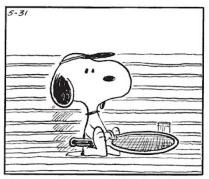
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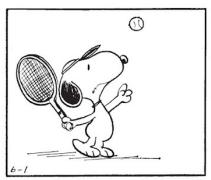
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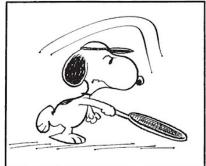




















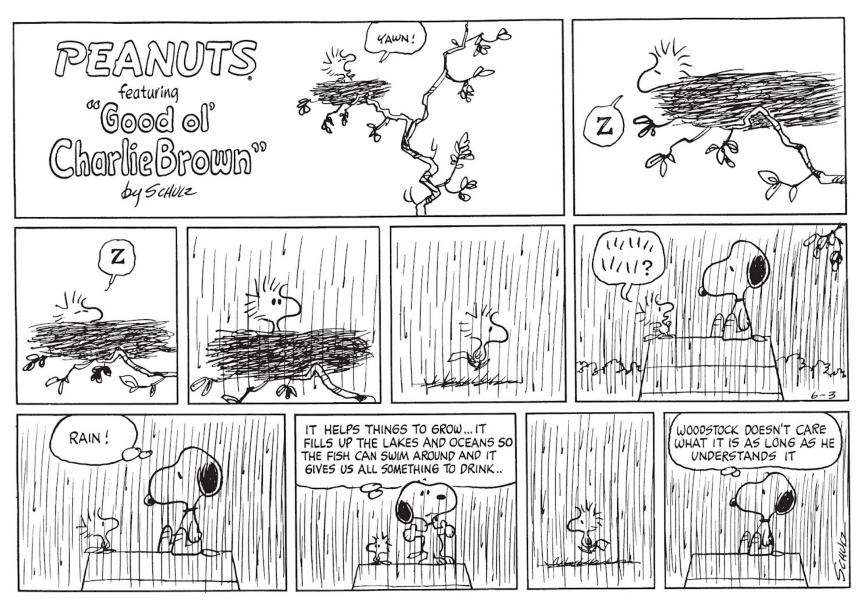




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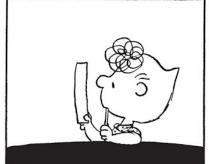
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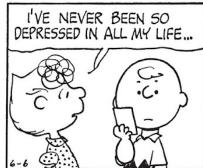


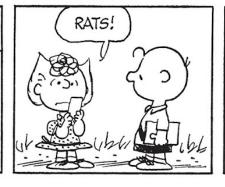














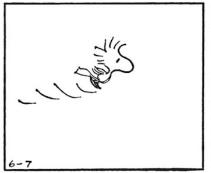
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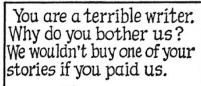






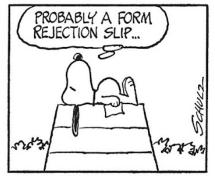


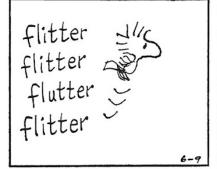
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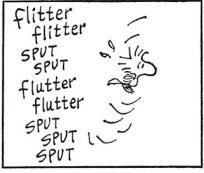


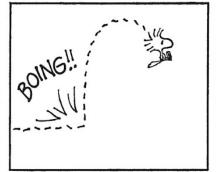












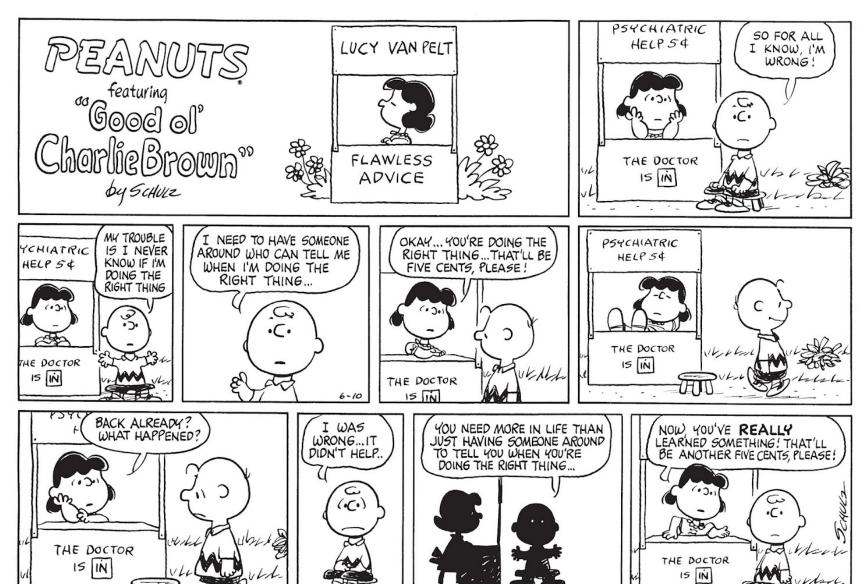


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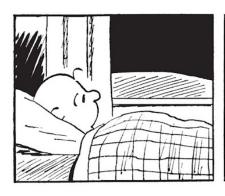
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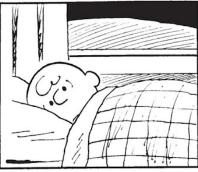
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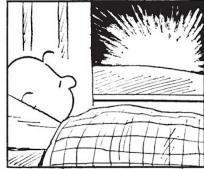
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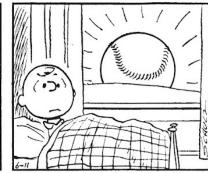


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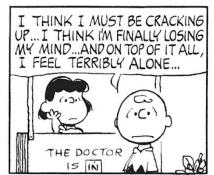






















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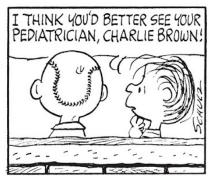


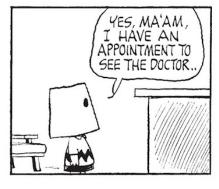










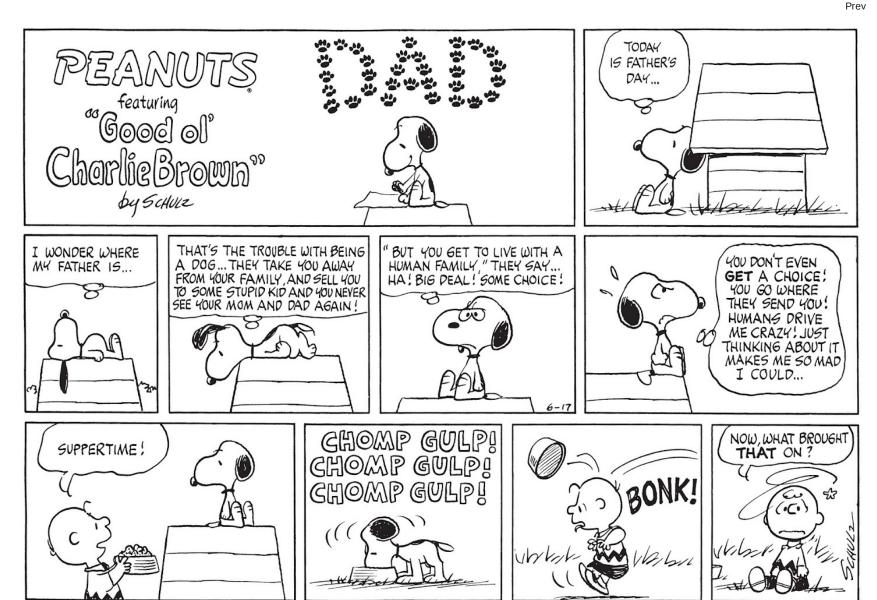








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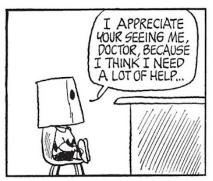
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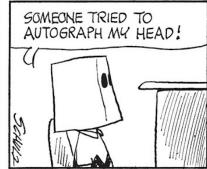
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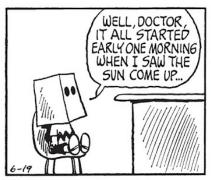
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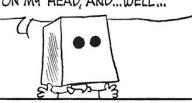




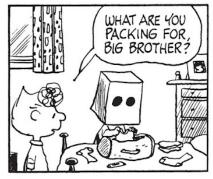














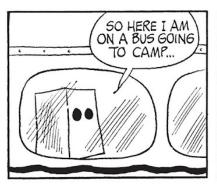
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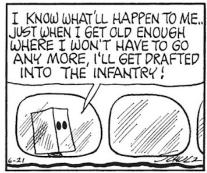
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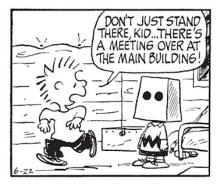
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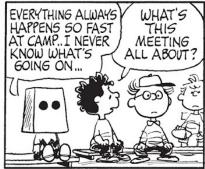






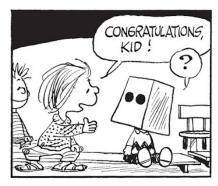


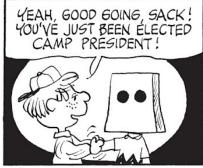










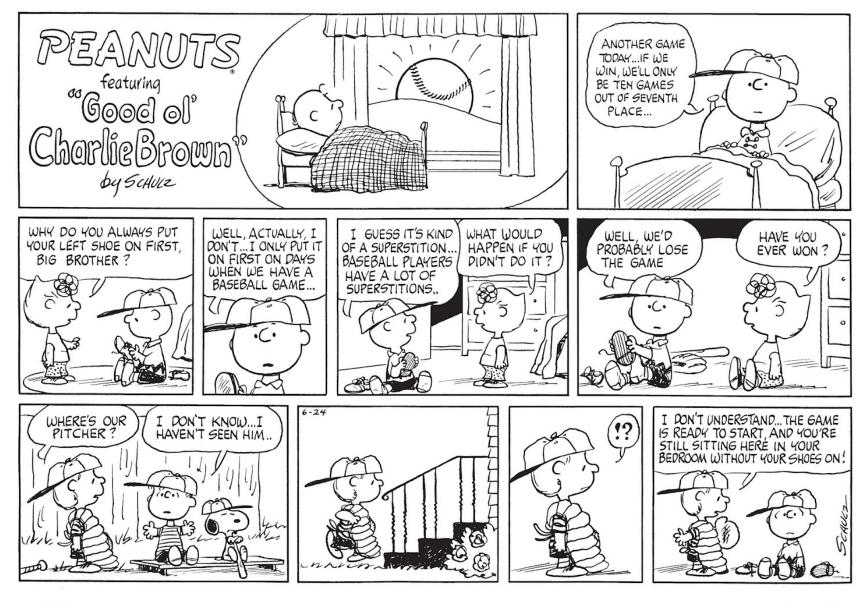






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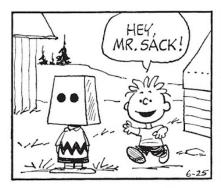
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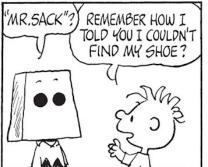


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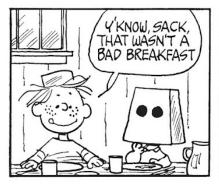
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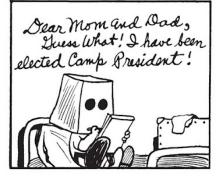


















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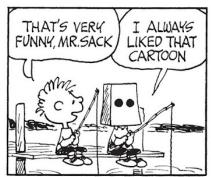
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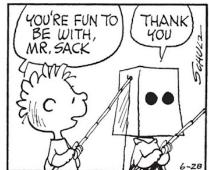
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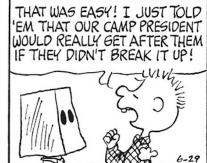






















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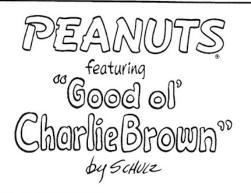
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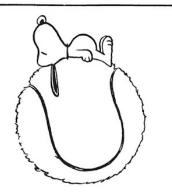
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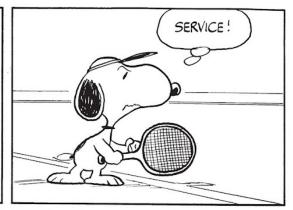
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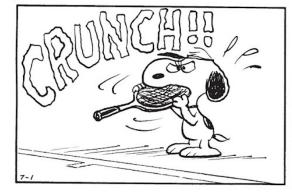




















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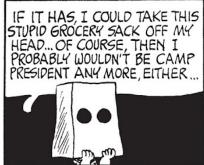
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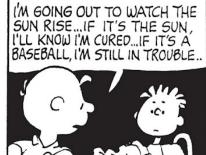






















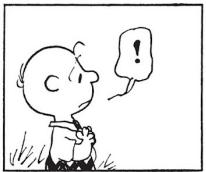


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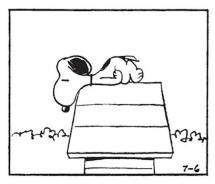
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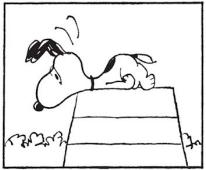








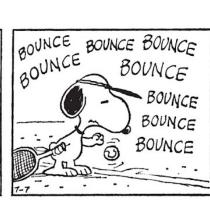














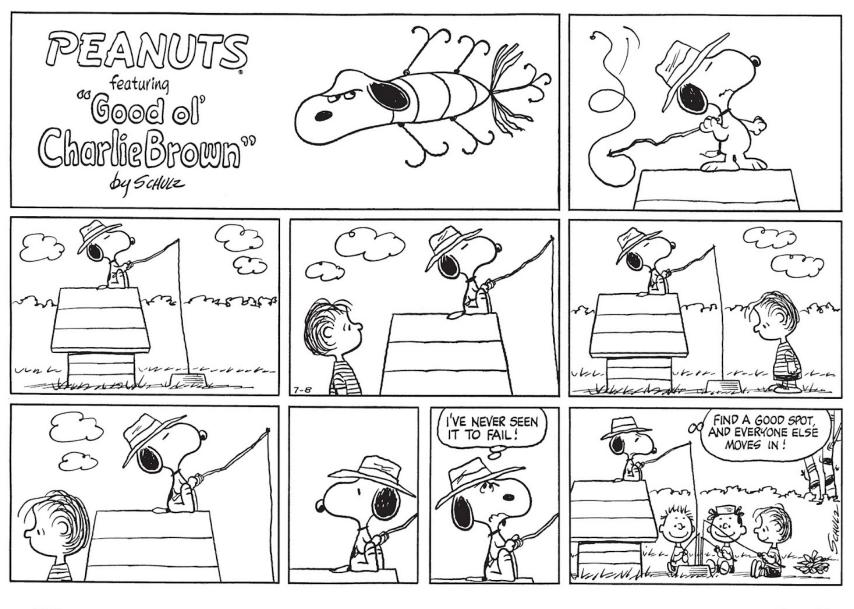


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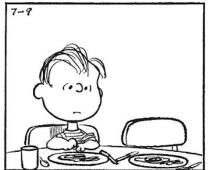


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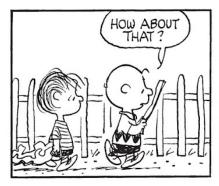


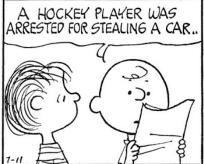










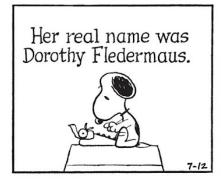




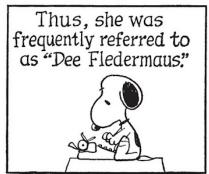


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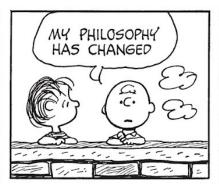










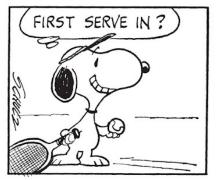












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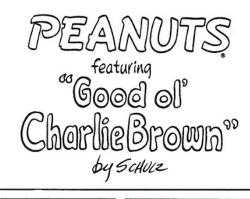


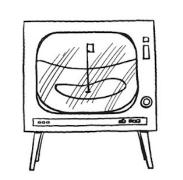
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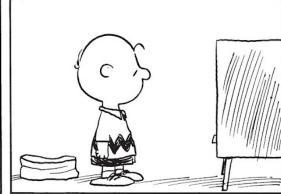
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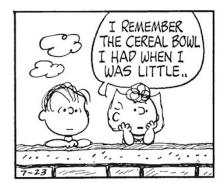




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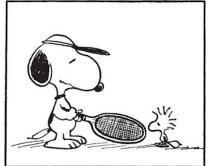


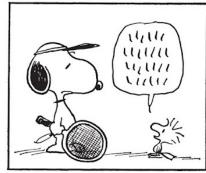






















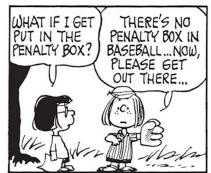
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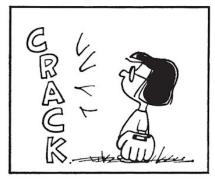
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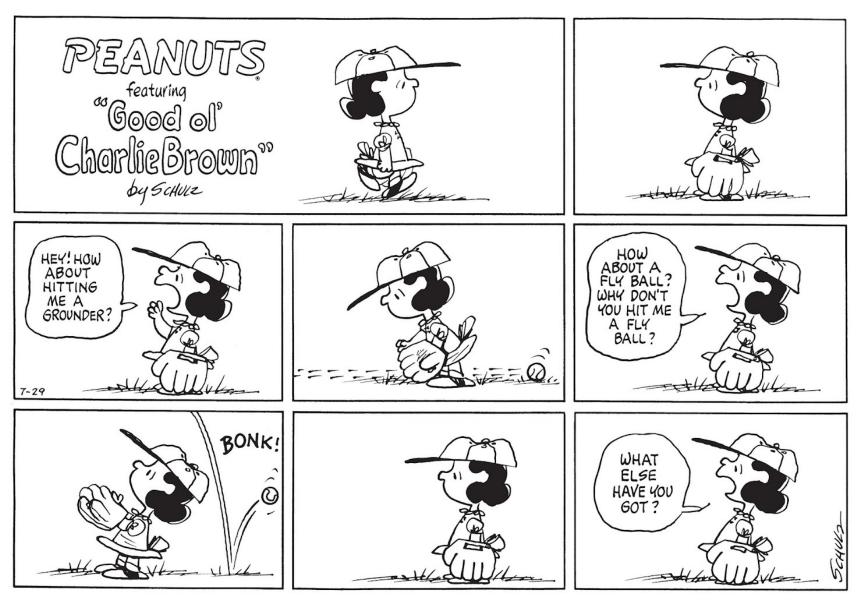








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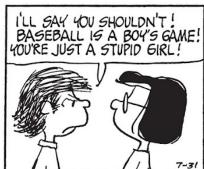
























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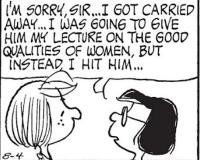










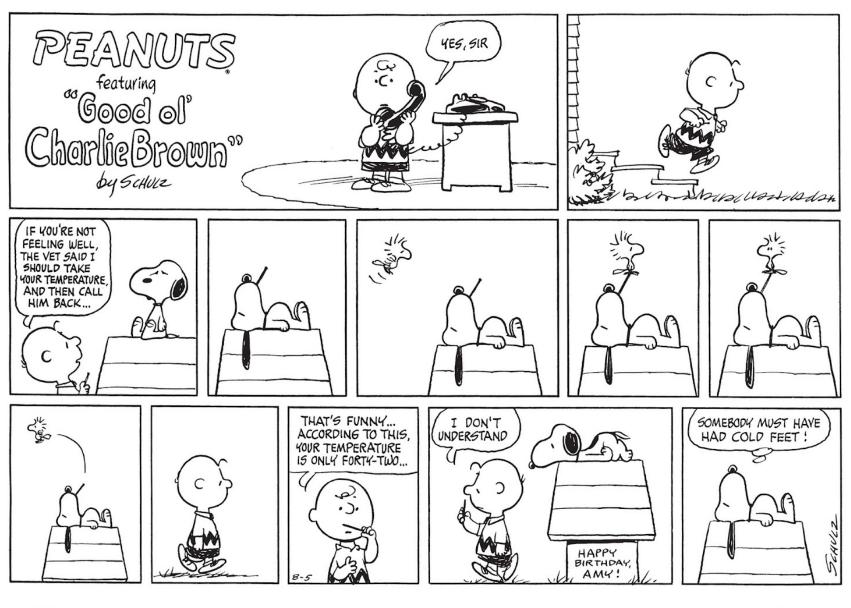






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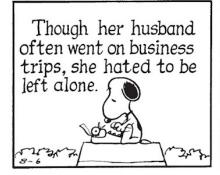
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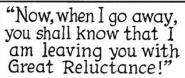
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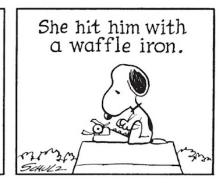


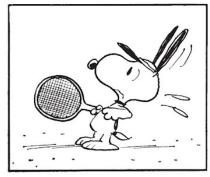


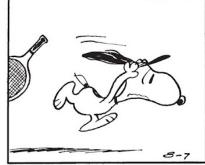


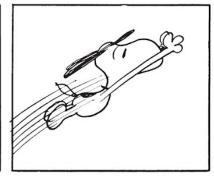






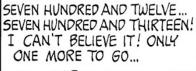














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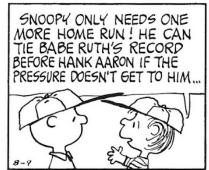
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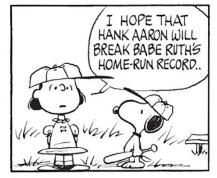












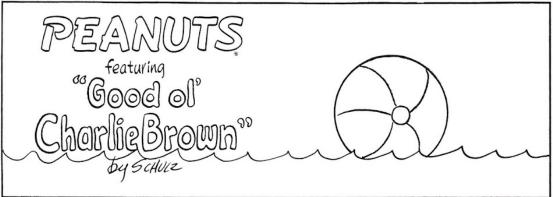




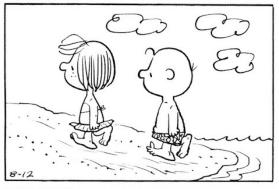


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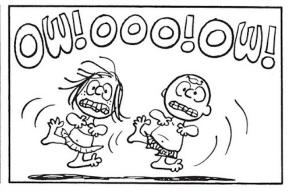
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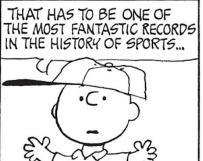
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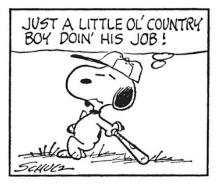
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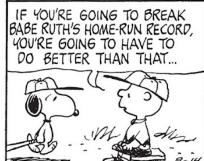








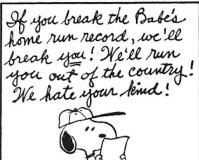
















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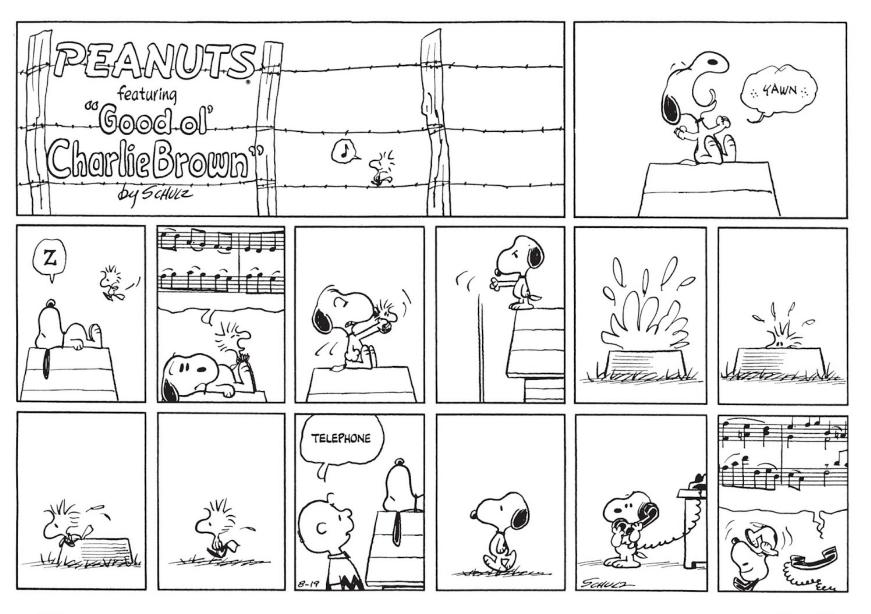






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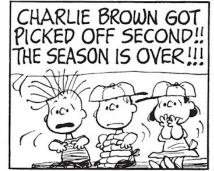
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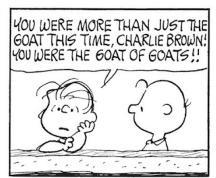












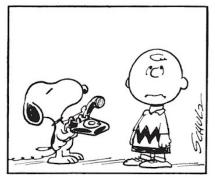






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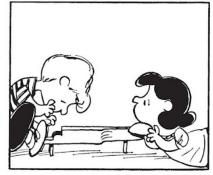
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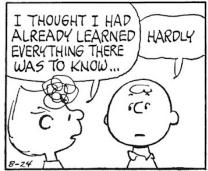


















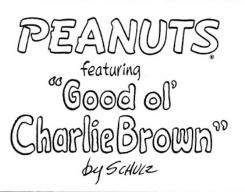






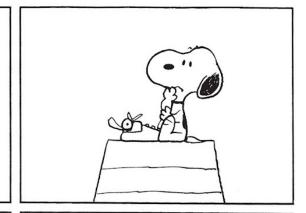
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"You've always ignored me," she said. "And now you say you want to marry me."



"Every night you play cards."



"I'm really afraid," she said, "that you love cards more than you love me."



"If you could say something nice to me just once, perhaps I'd marry you."





"You blew it!" she said, and walked out of his life forever.

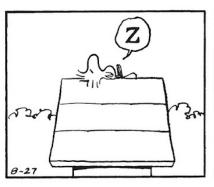


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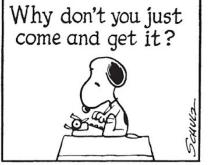












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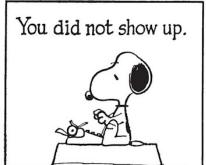
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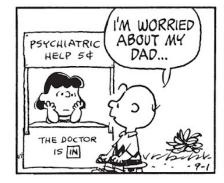
Well, another day has gone by and you still haven't come to pick up my novel for publication.



Just for that, I am going to offer it to another publisher.







HE DOESN'T WATCH TV ANY MORE ... HE SITS IN THE KITCHEN EVERY NIGHT, AND READS HIS COLLECTION OF OLD BIG-LITTLE BOOKS ...







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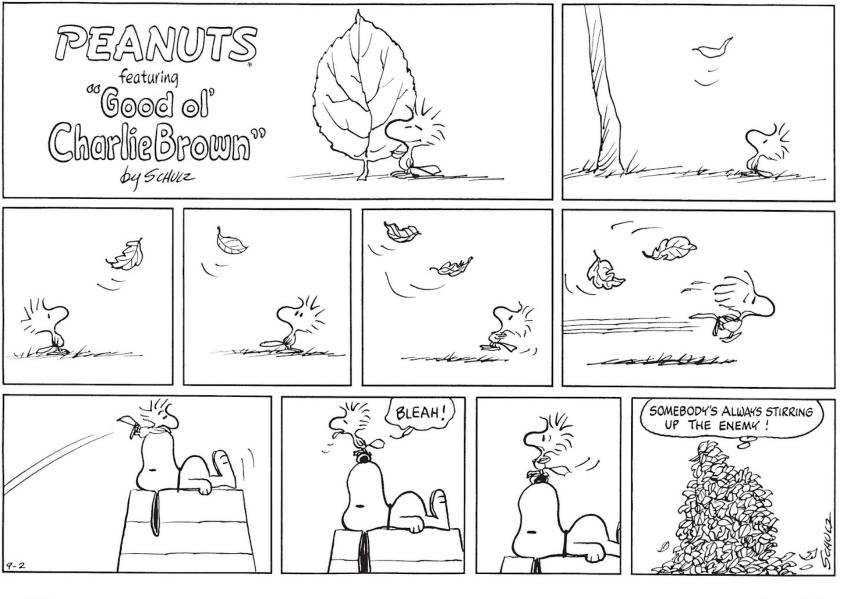
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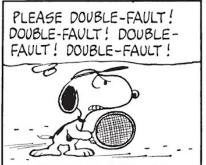
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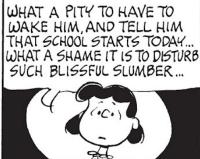
























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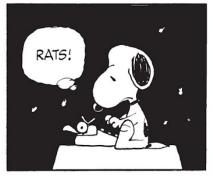


















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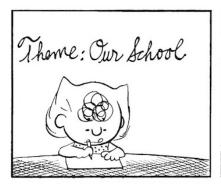
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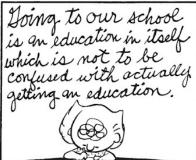


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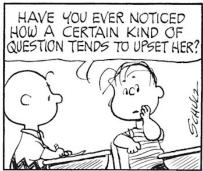




















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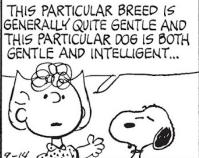






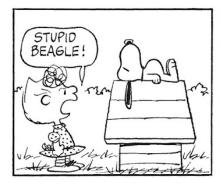




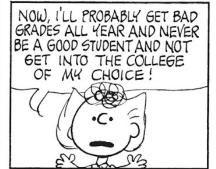








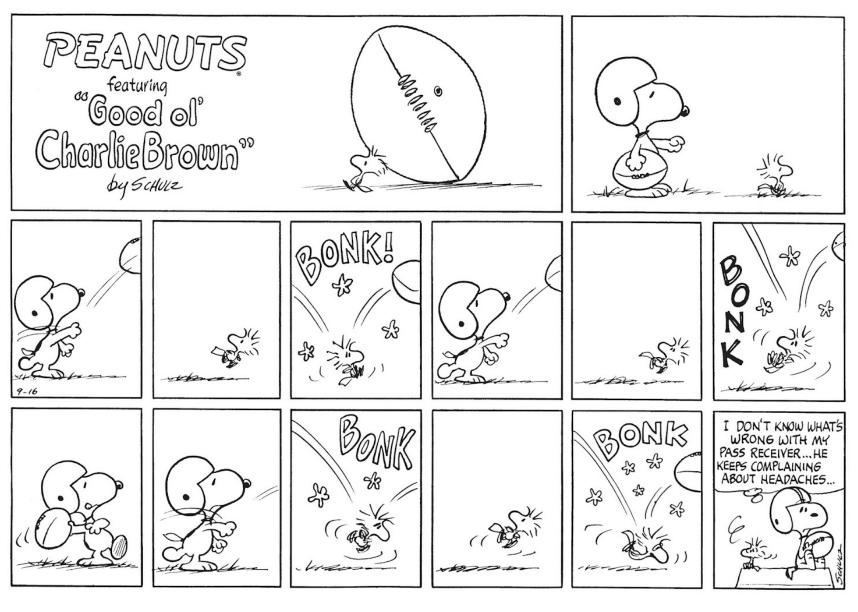






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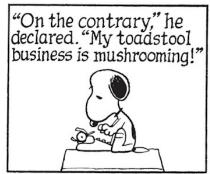






















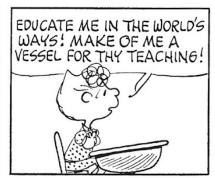
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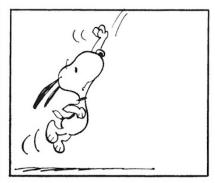


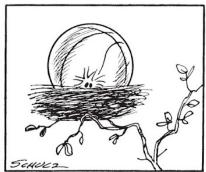


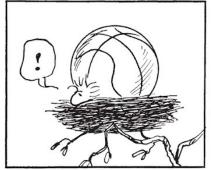












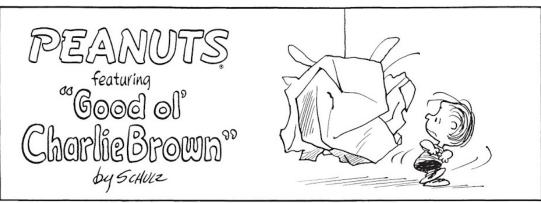






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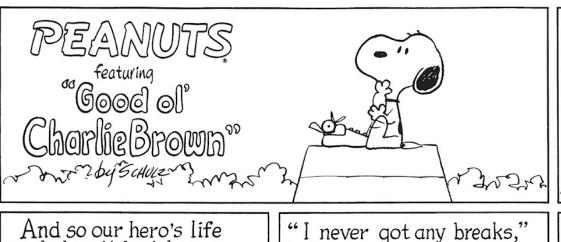


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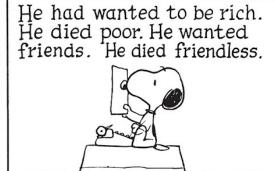
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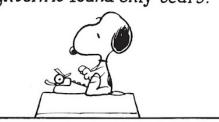








He wanted to be loved. He died unloved. He wanted laughter. He found only tears.



He wanted applause. He received boos. He wanted fame. He found only obscurity. He wanted answers. He found only questions.





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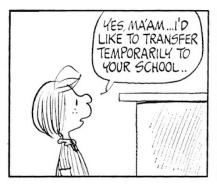
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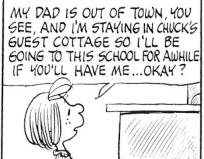
























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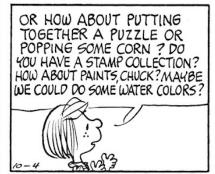
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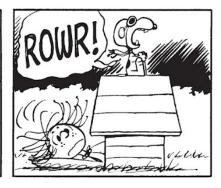






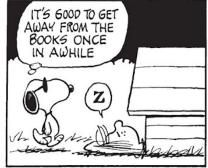


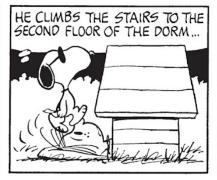














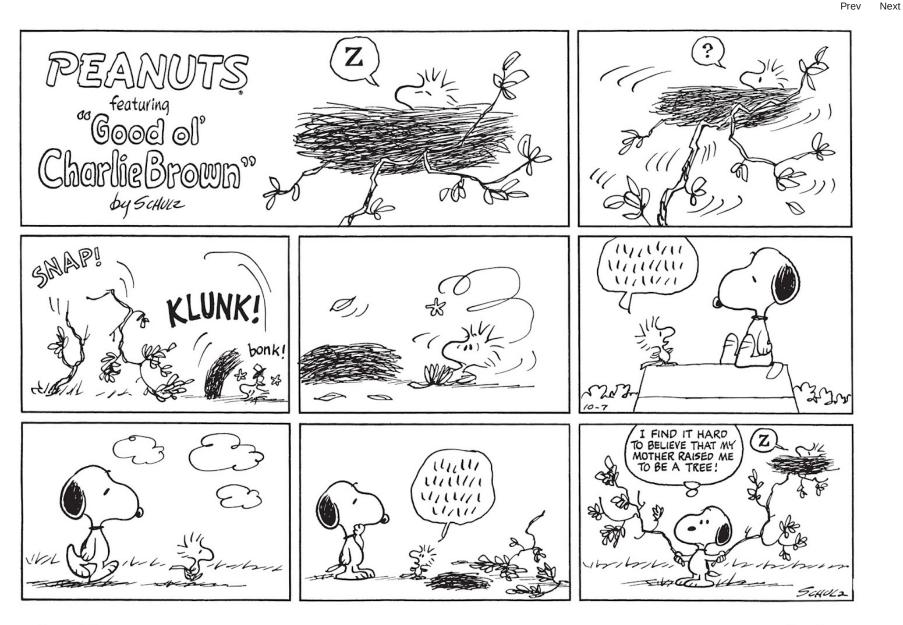
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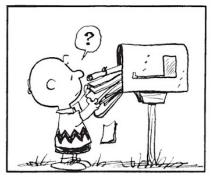
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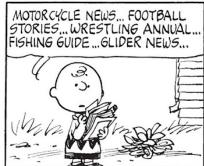


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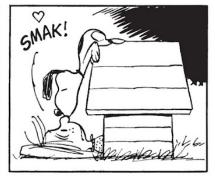






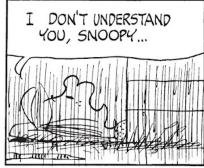
















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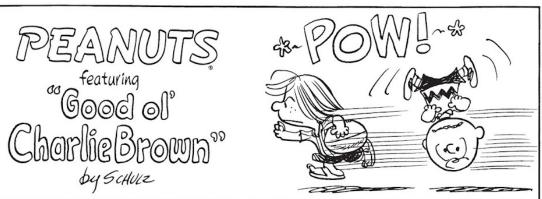
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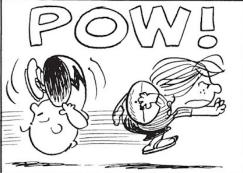
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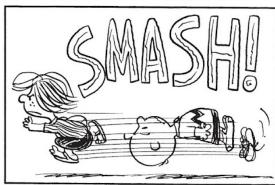








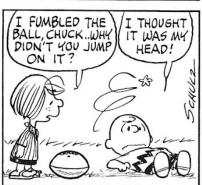












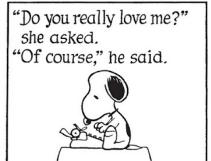
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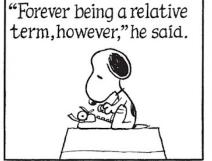














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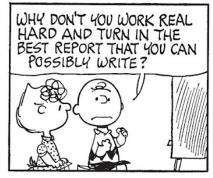
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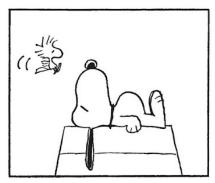


















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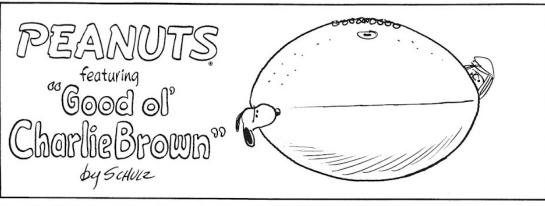
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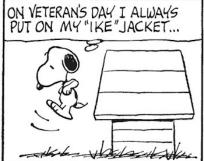


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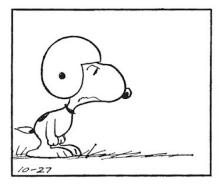


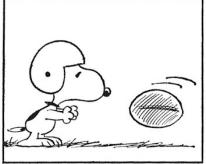












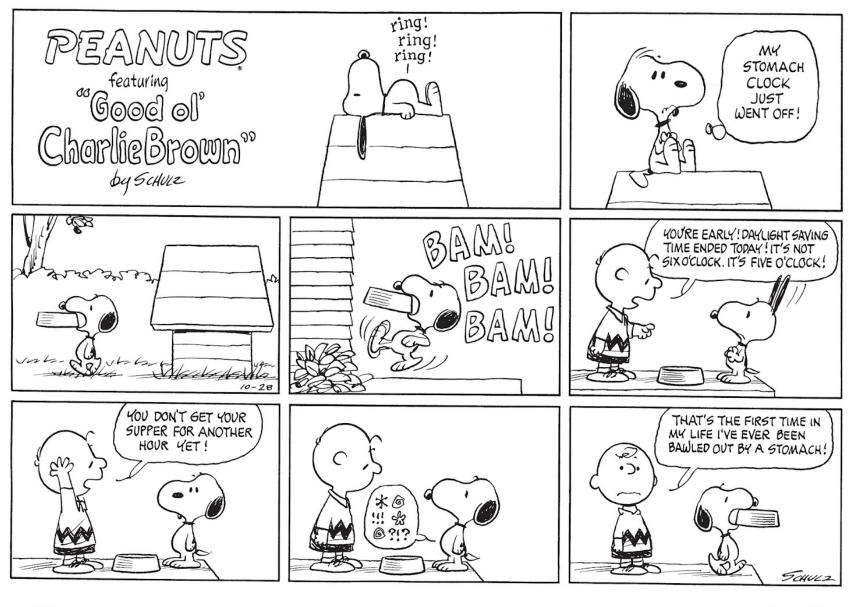




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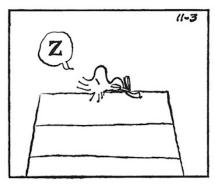




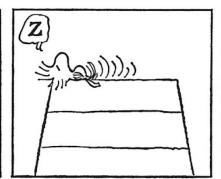


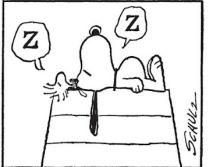






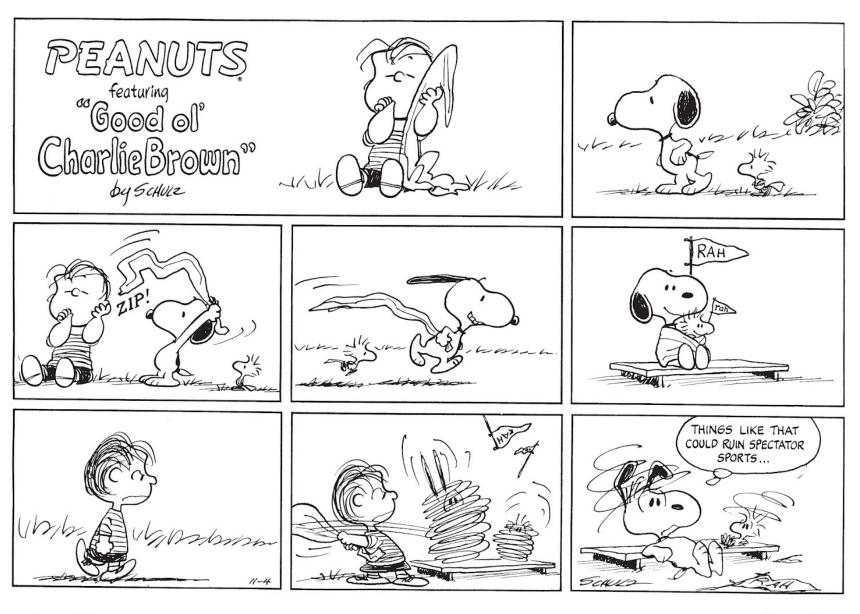






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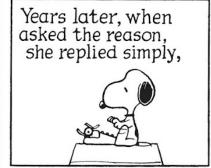
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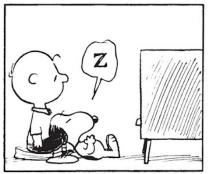
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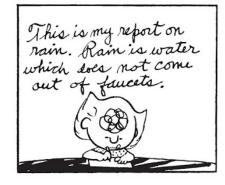


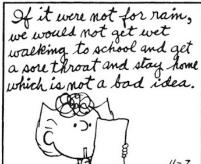




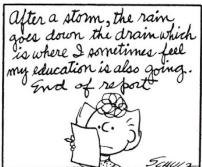










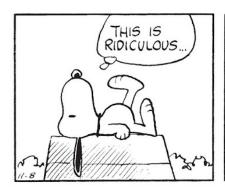


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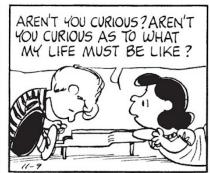




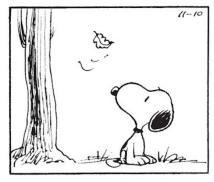


















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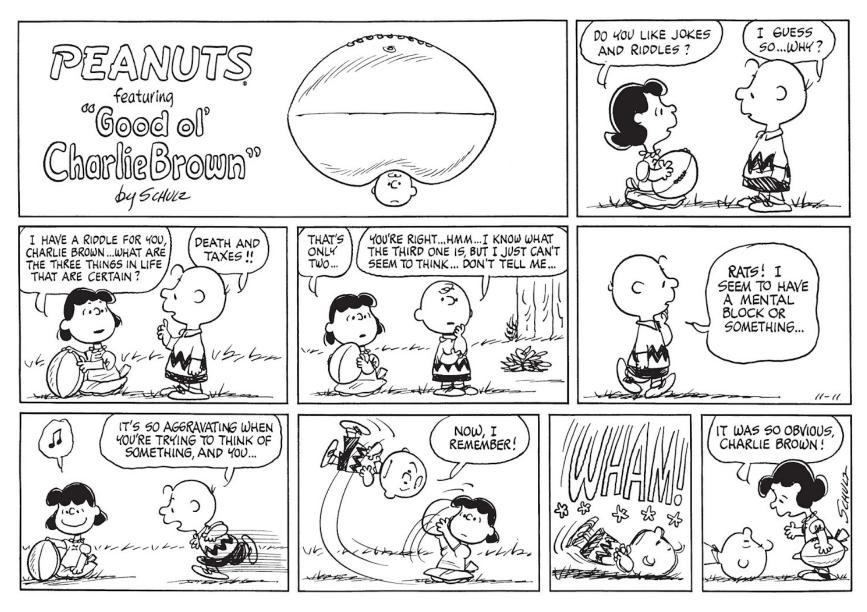
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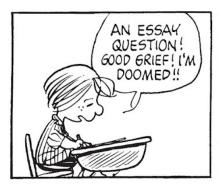
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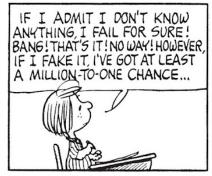
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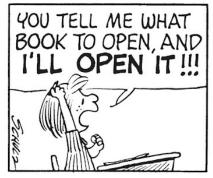




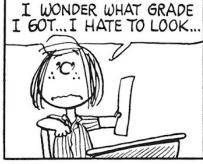
















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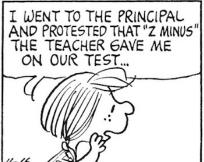


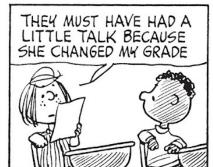




















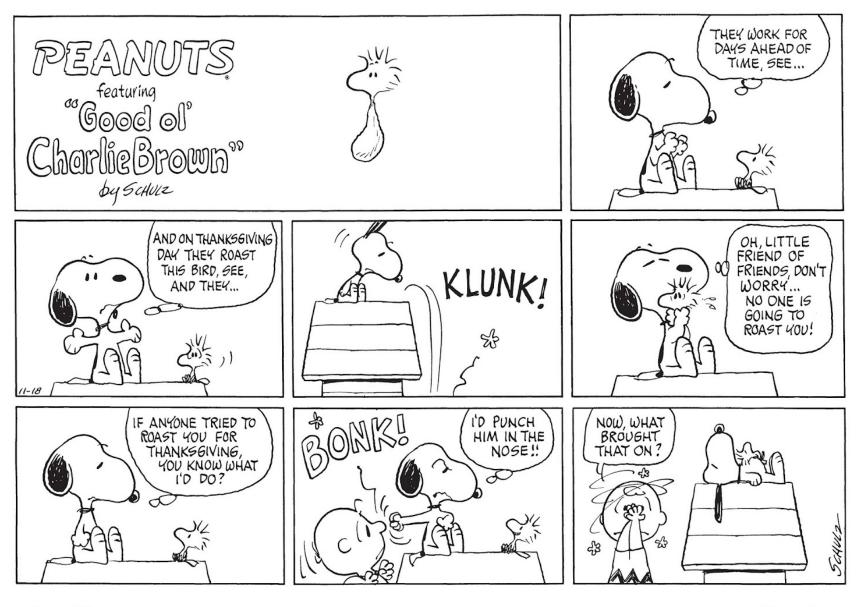


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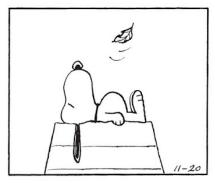
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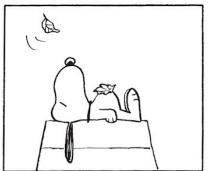


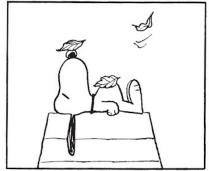


















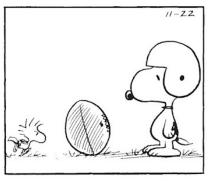


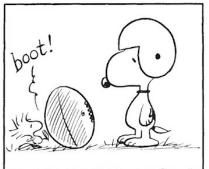


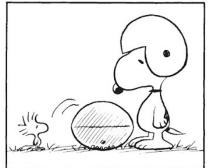
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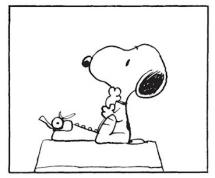




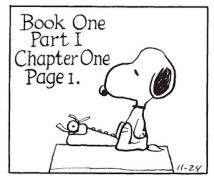












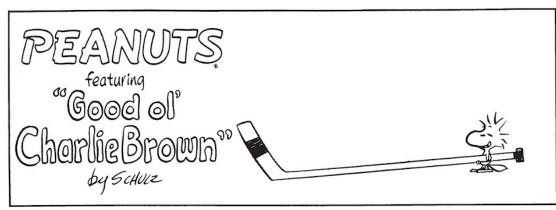


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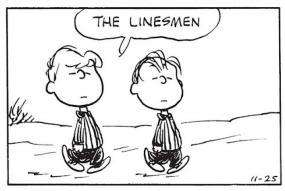








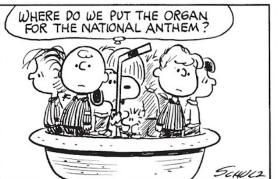








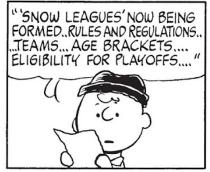




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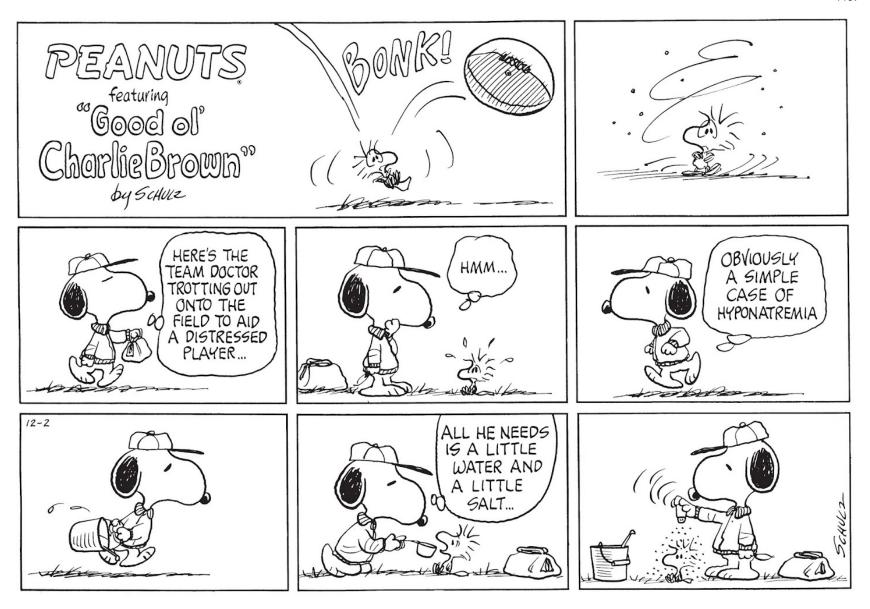








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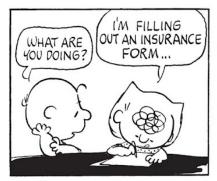


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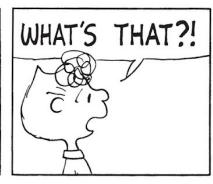










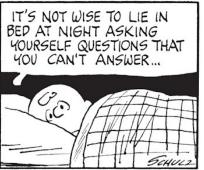












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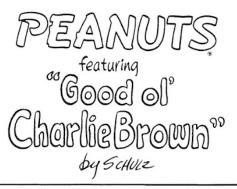
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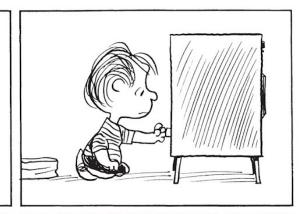
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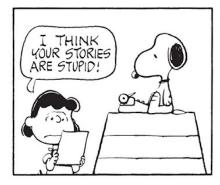
One day, she asked her husband if he had seen her new belt.



"Belt?" he said. "Oh, I'm sorry. I thought it was a dog collar. I have it on Good Authority."



Shortly thereafter, their marriage began to go downhill.

















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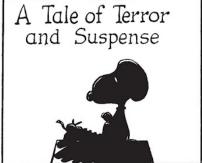








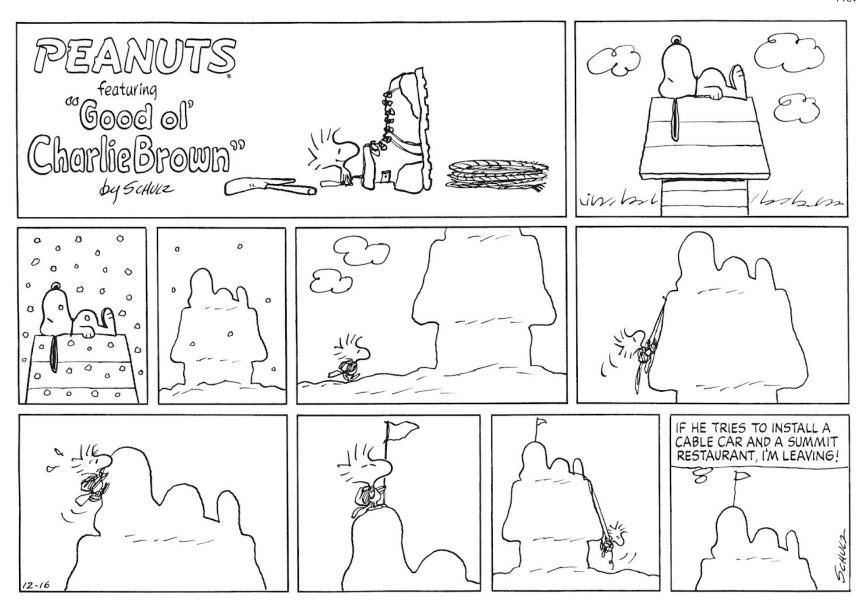








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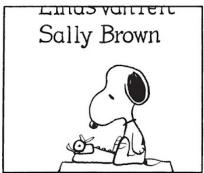
















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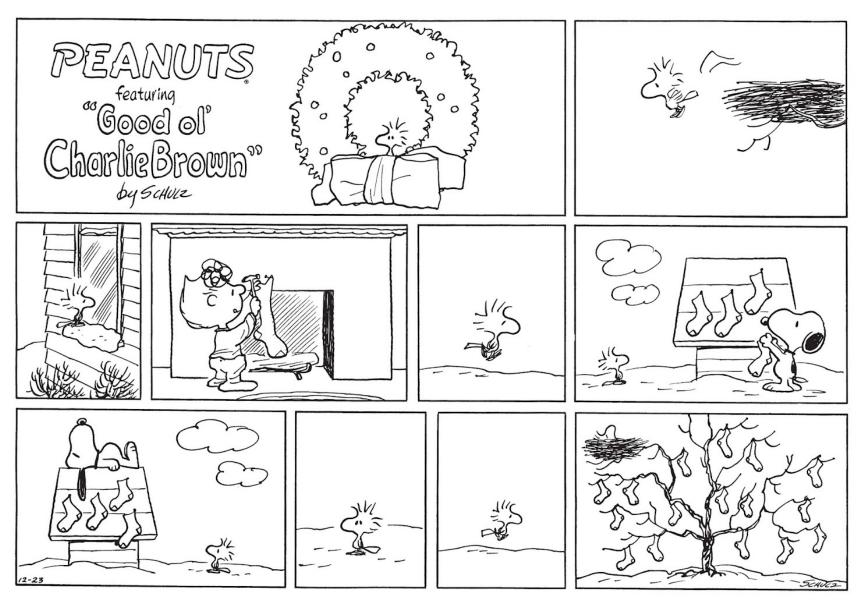






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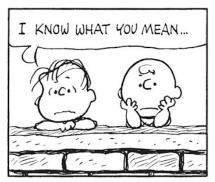
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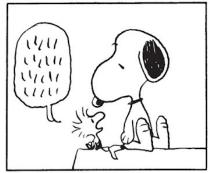




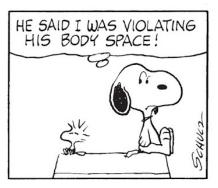


















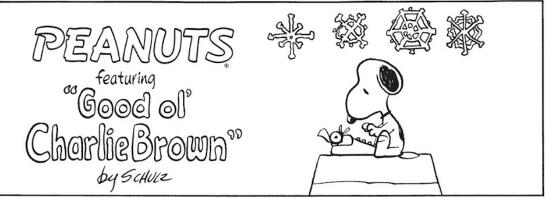


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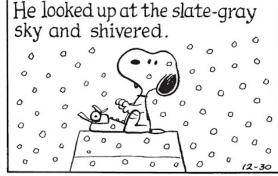




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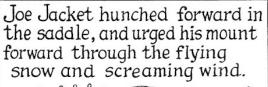






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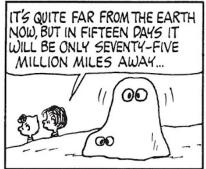
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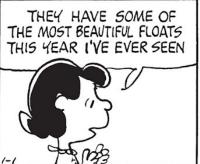




















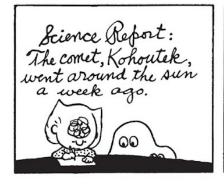




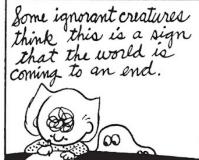
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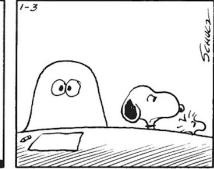
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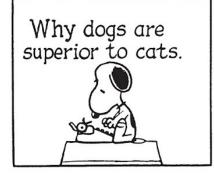


















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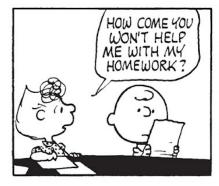






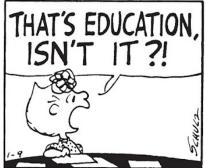












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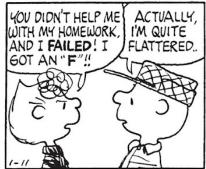










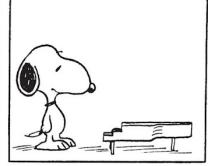






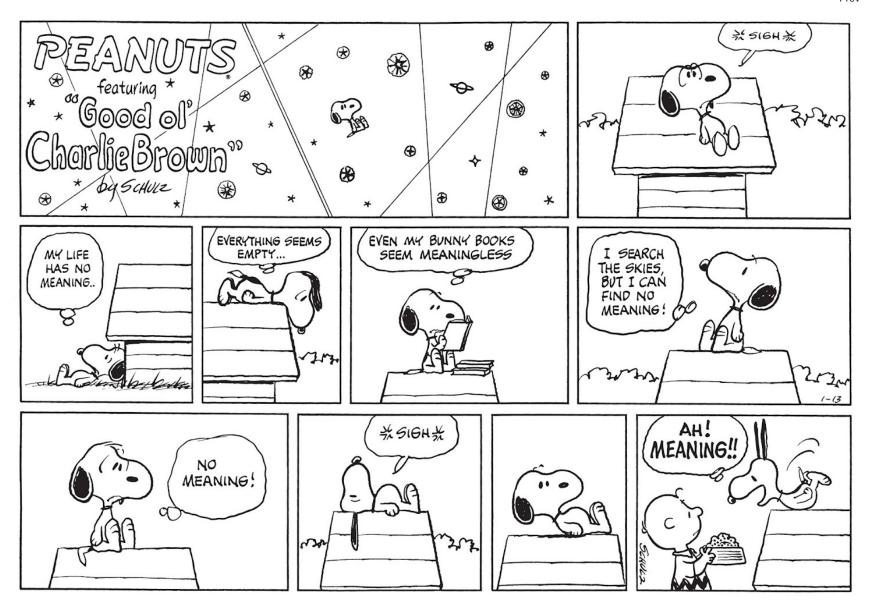








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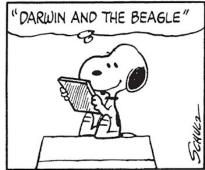
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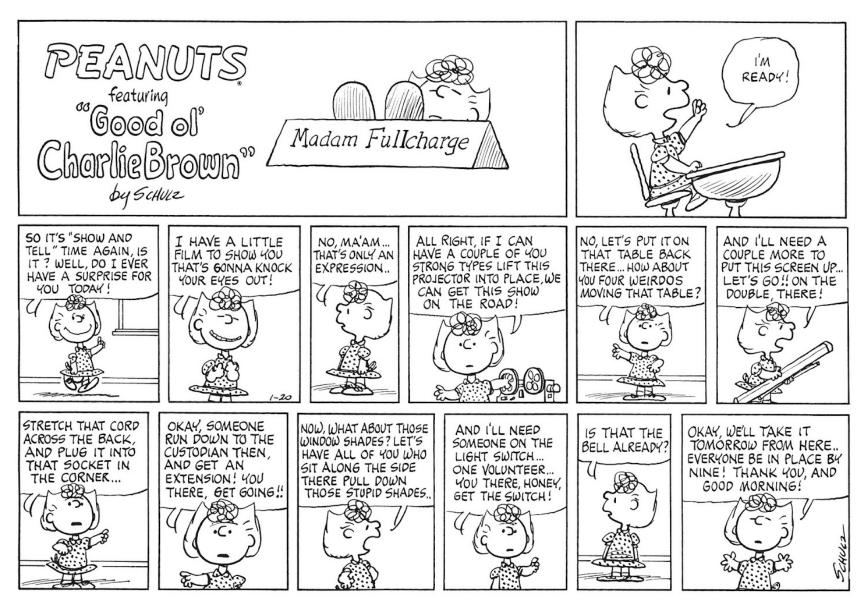
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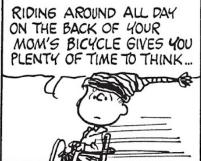








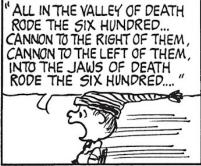
















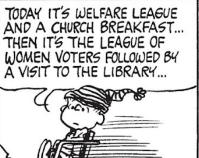
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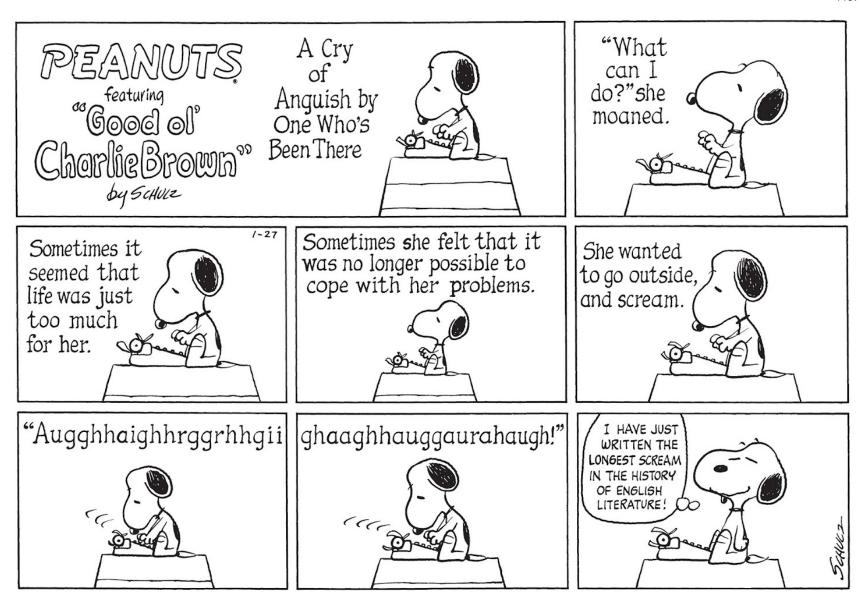
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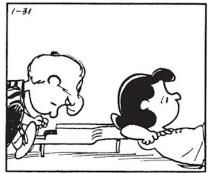




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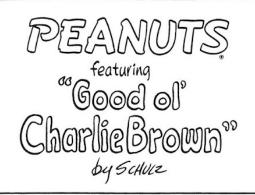


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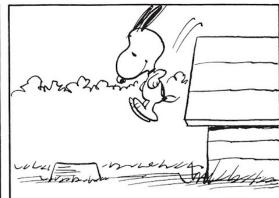
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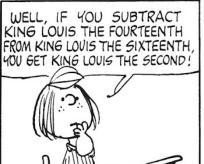
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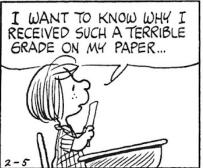
























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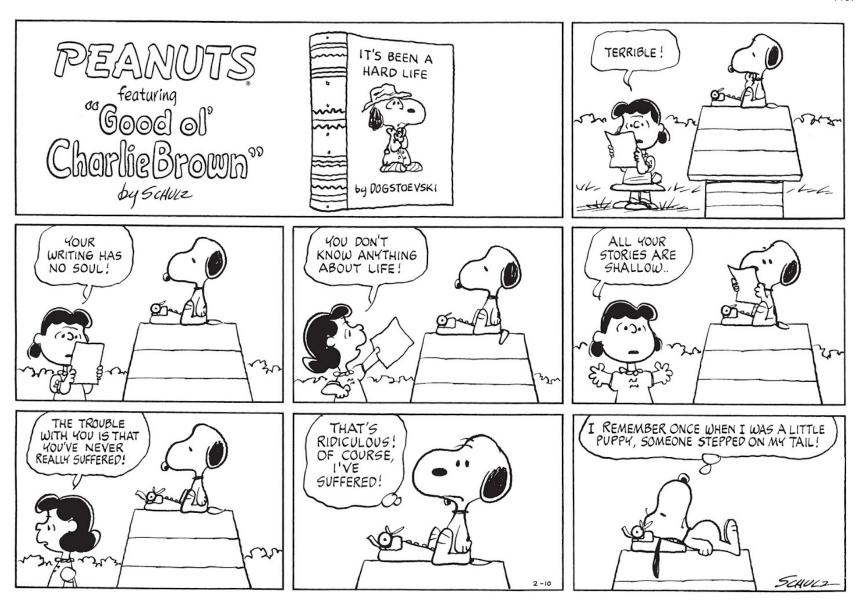


DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WILL GET YOU A BETTER GRADE, SIR? AFTER ALL, IT'S WHAT YOU SAY THAT COUNTS...





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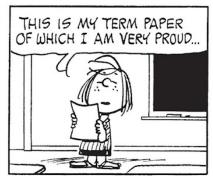




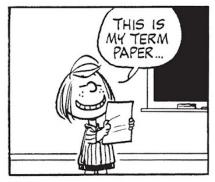












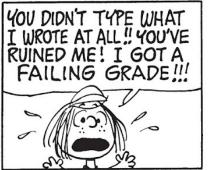






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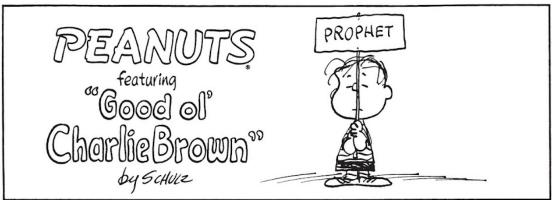




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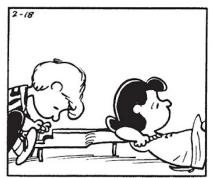


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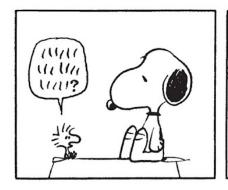


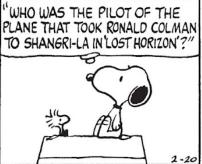












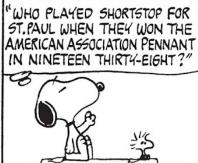




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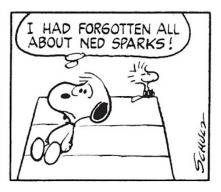






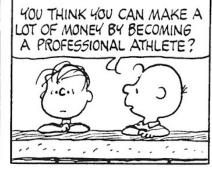








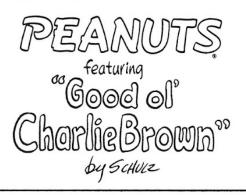




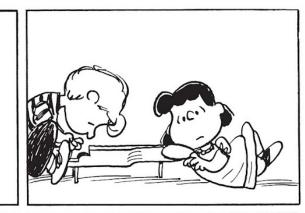


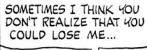
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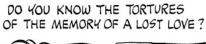










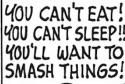




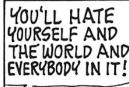














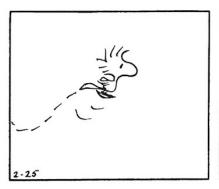


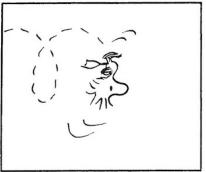


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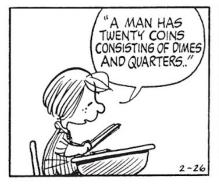
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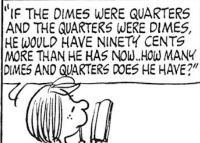










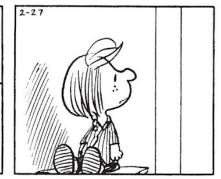










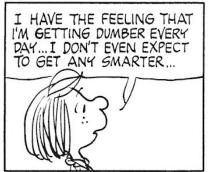




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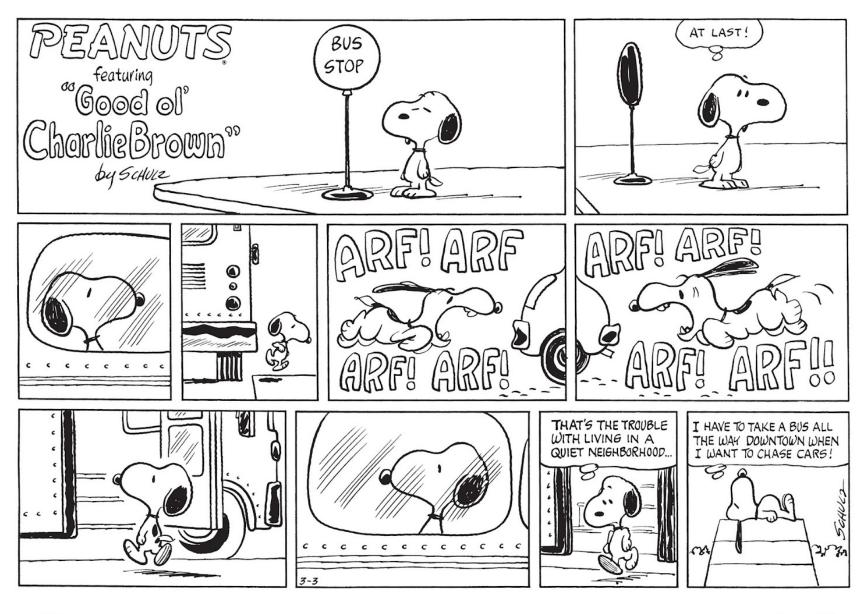




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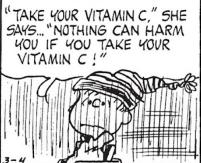
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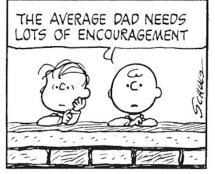




















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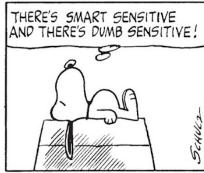
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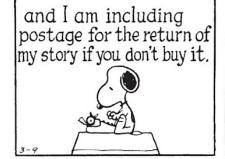












Then again, why should I send postage for its return when I am sure you are going to buy it?



On the other hand, maybe I'd better send it, but then again, why should I? On the other hand, maybe I should, but then again





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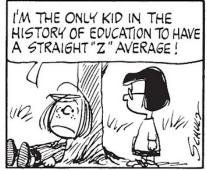
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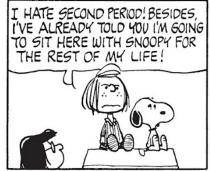


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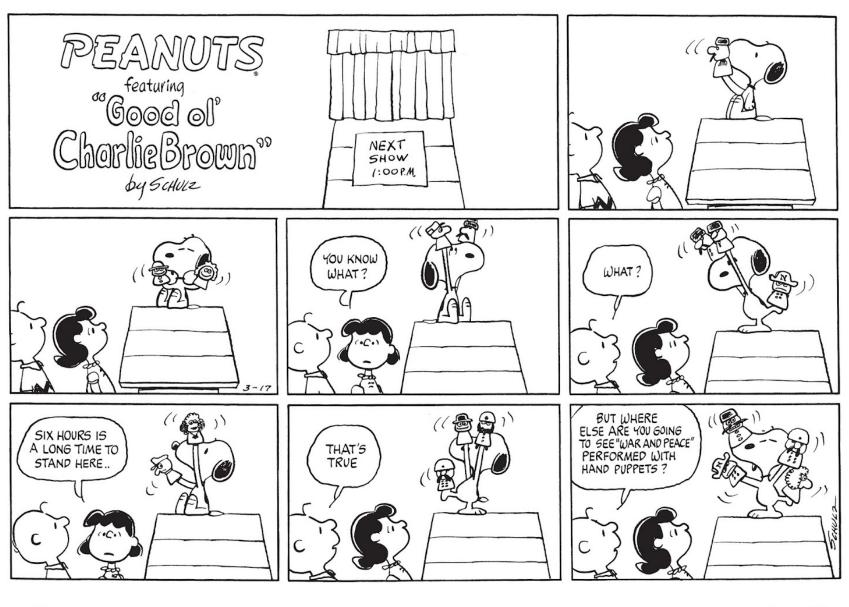






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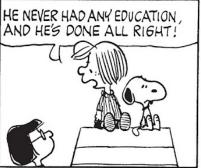
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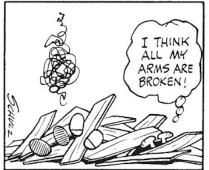












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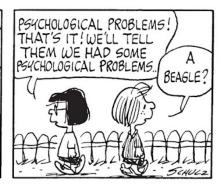








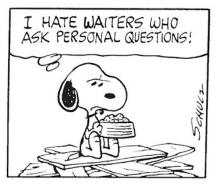






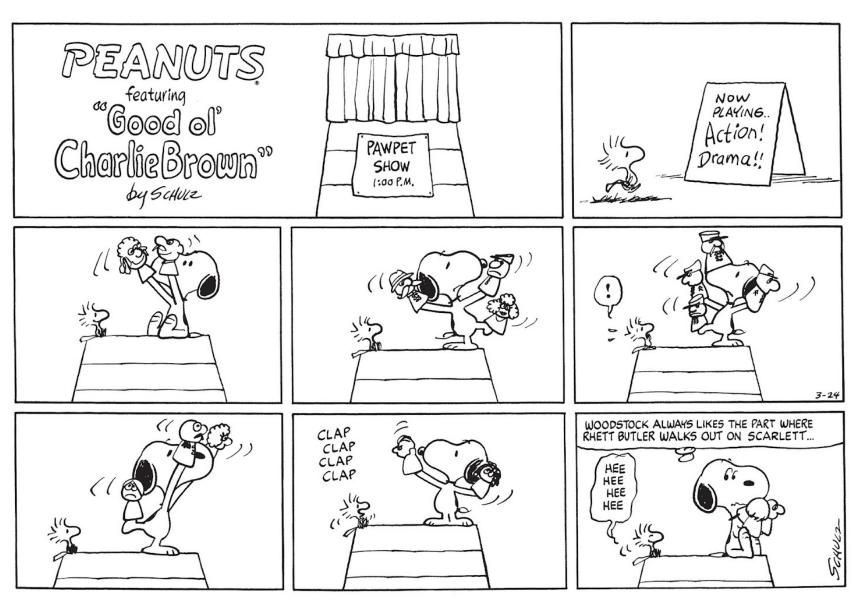






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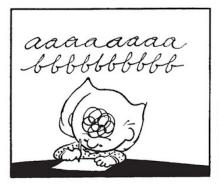
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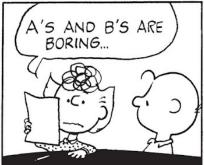
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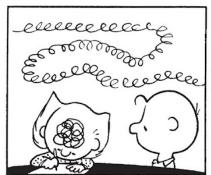
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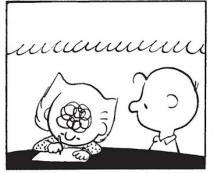
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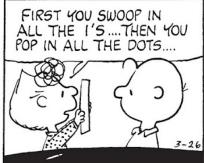






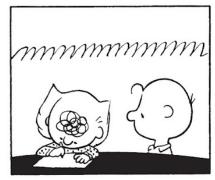






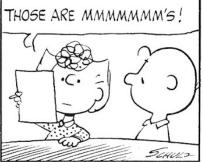






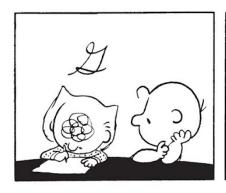






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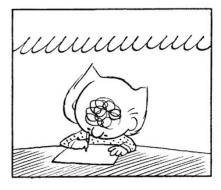
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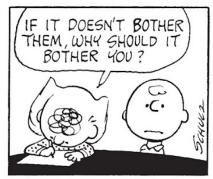








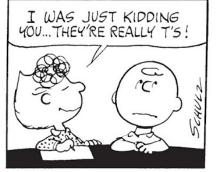












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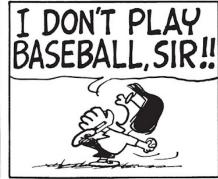
















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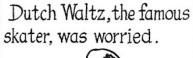
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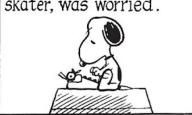














While playing a show in Denver, she had become involved with a cowboy named Martin Gale.













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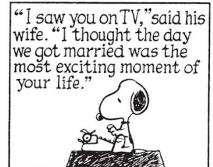
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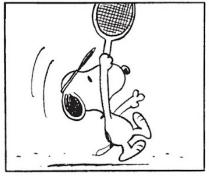




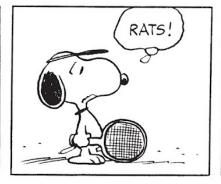










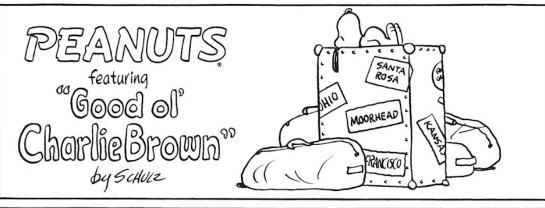




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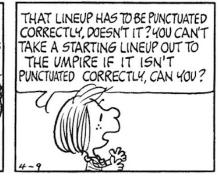


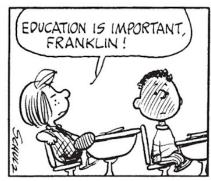
















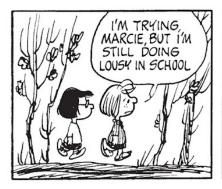


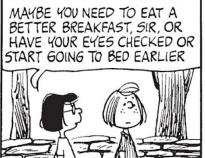


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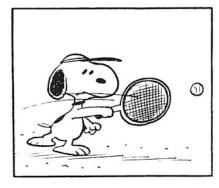


















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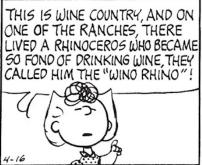




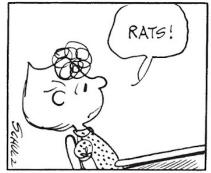














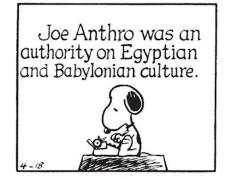


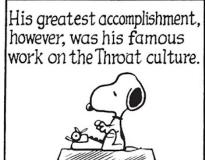


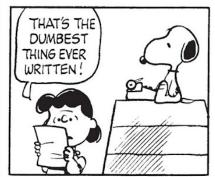


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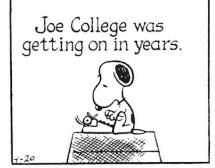




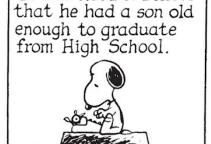












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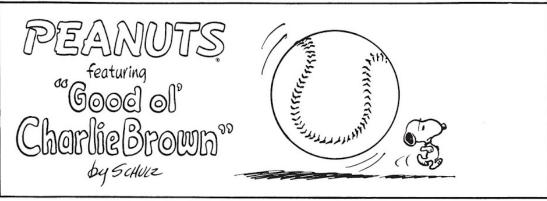
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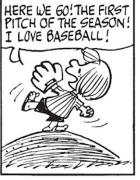
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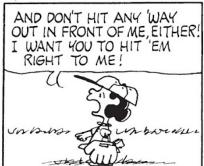




















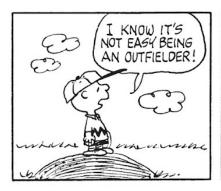




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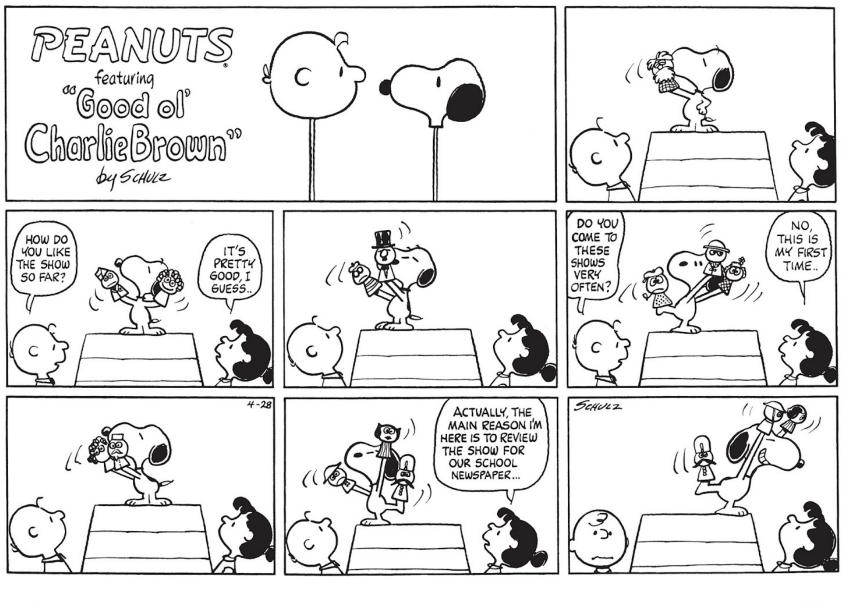






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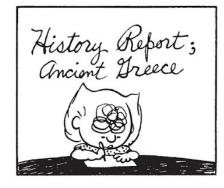






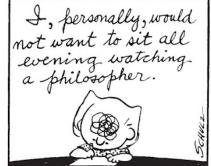












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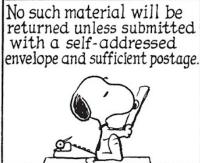
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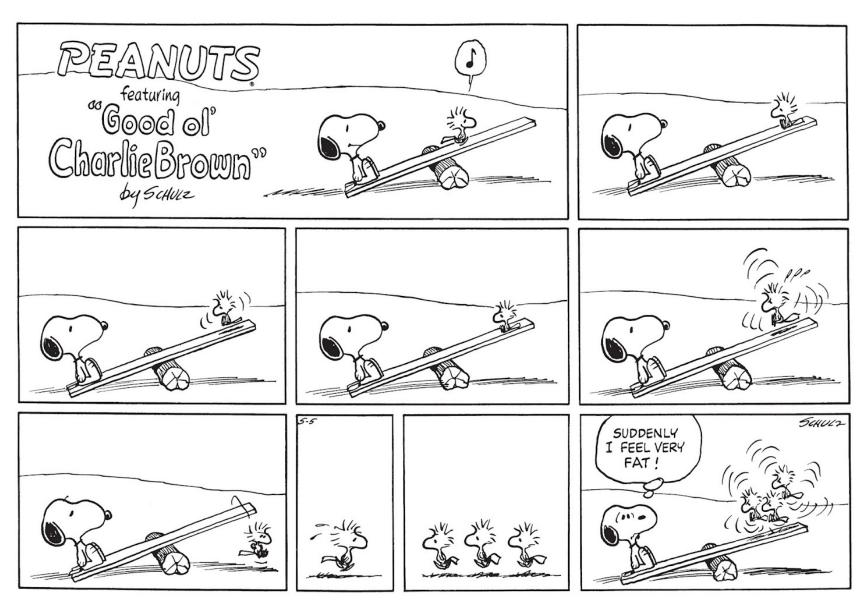


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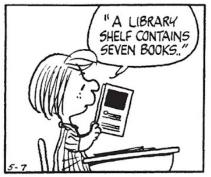
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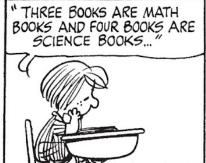


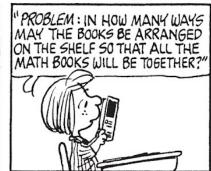






















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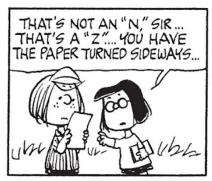




















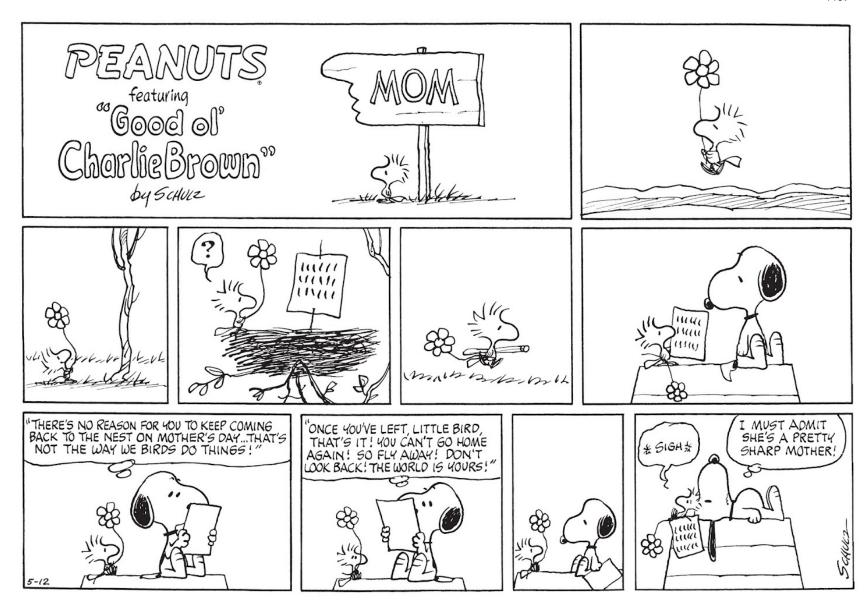


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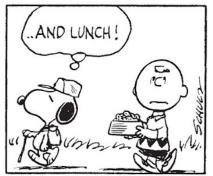












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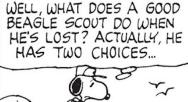


















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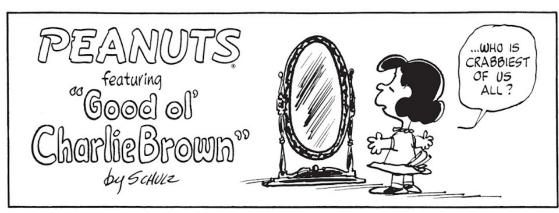
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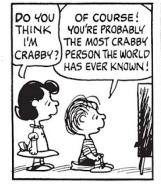
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AND WHO CAN BE PLEASANT ALL THE TIME? NO ONE CAN BE PLEASANT ALL THE TIME... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT OF ME?















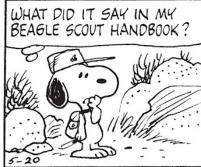
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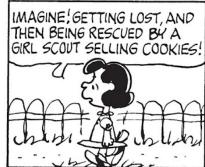
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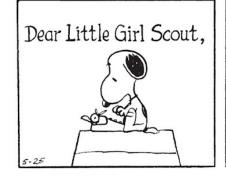


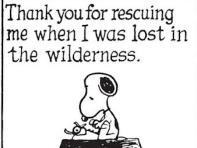
















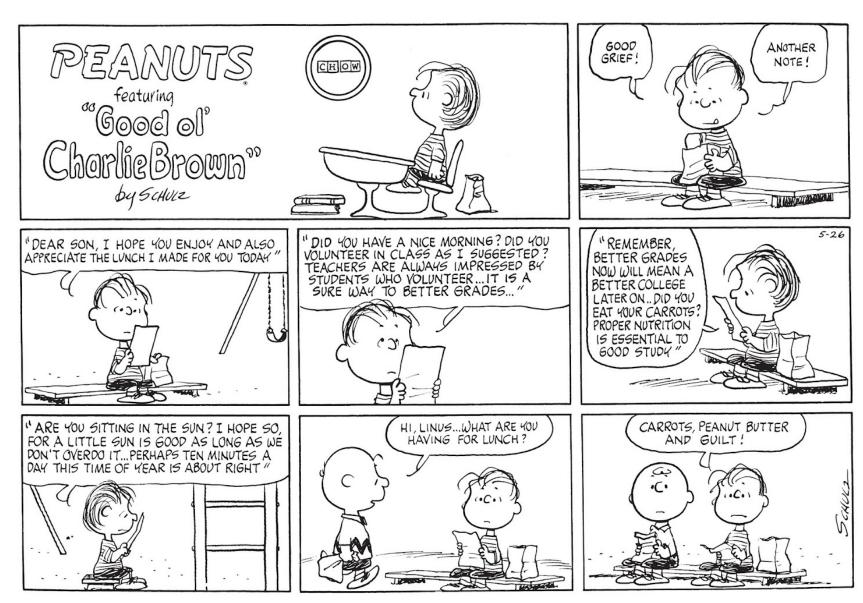
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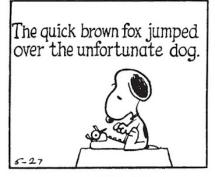
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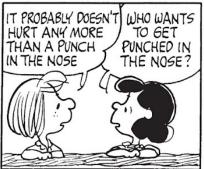
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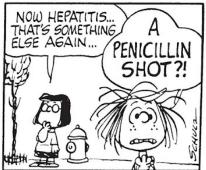












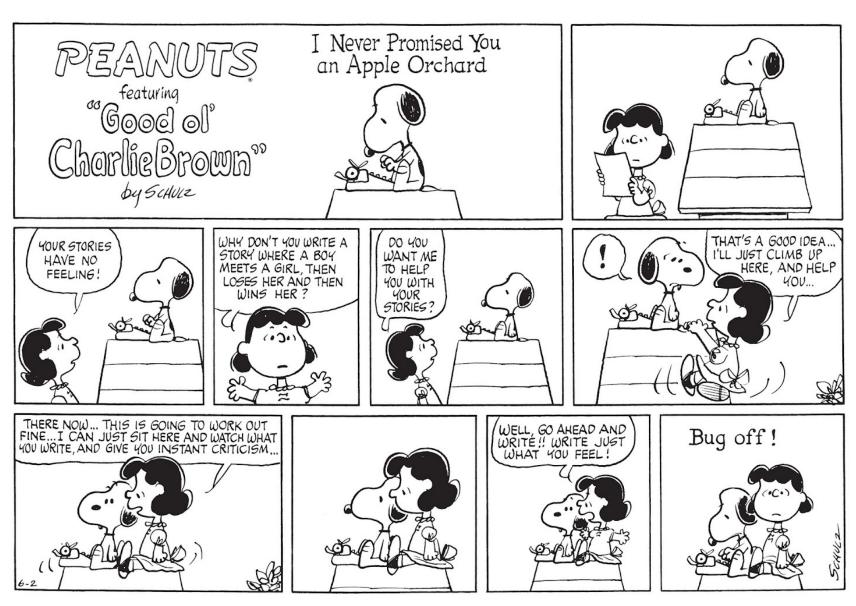
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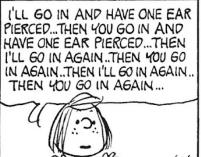




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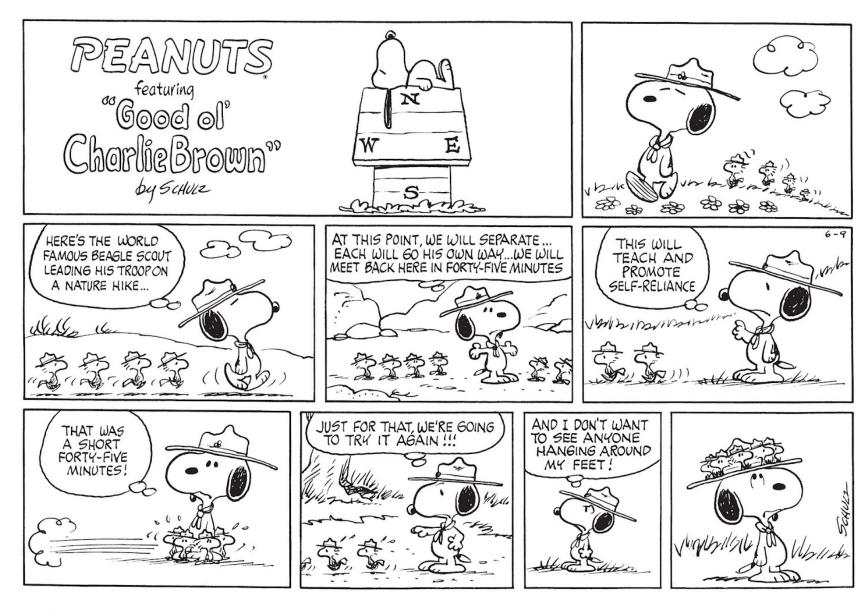






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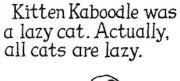
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Kitten Kaboodle was also ugly, stupid and completely useless.



But, let's face it, aren't all cats ugly, stupid and completely useless?





And so, once again, Kitten Kaboodle had to admit she had been outsmarted by a dog.



An ordinary dog at that.







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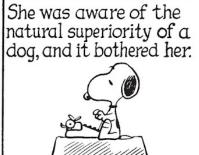
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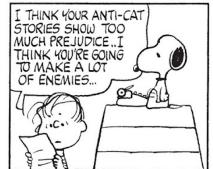
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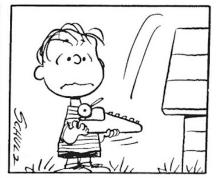












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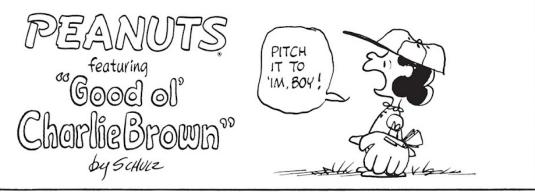
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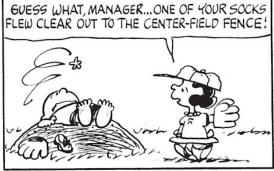








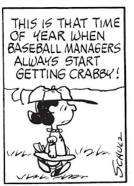






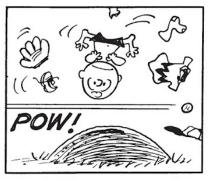






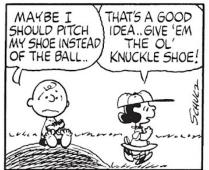
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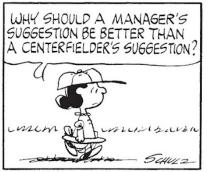






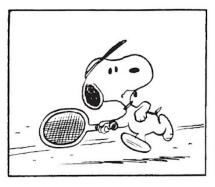


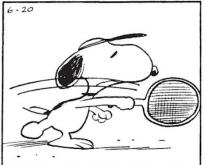


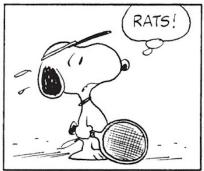


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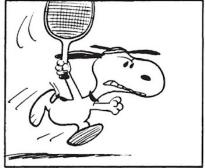


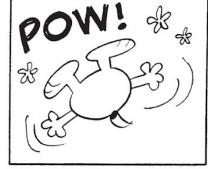












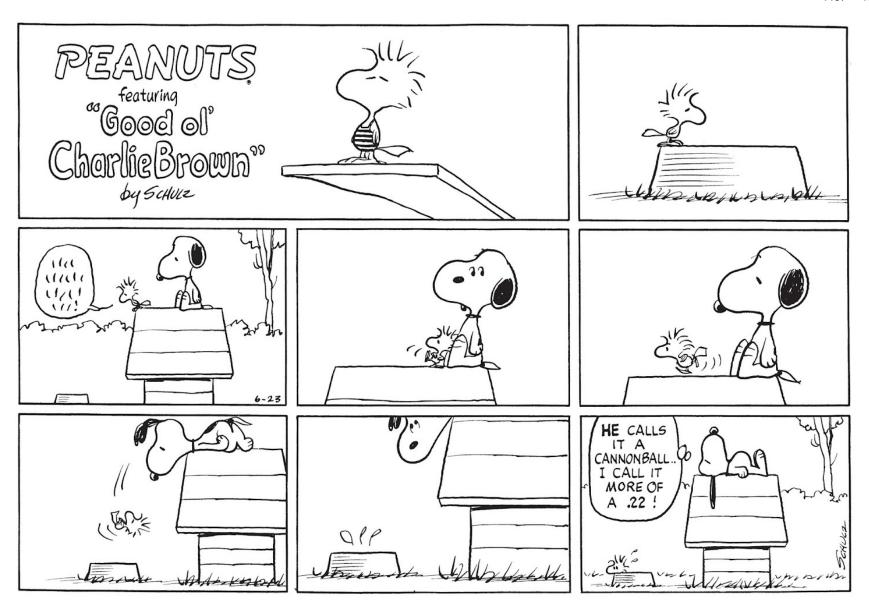


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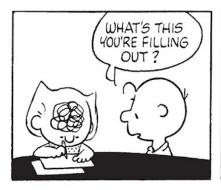
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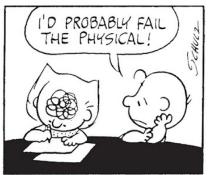
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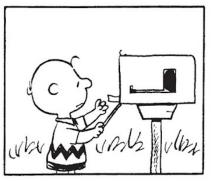
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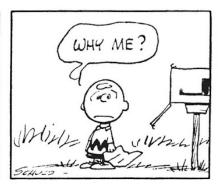














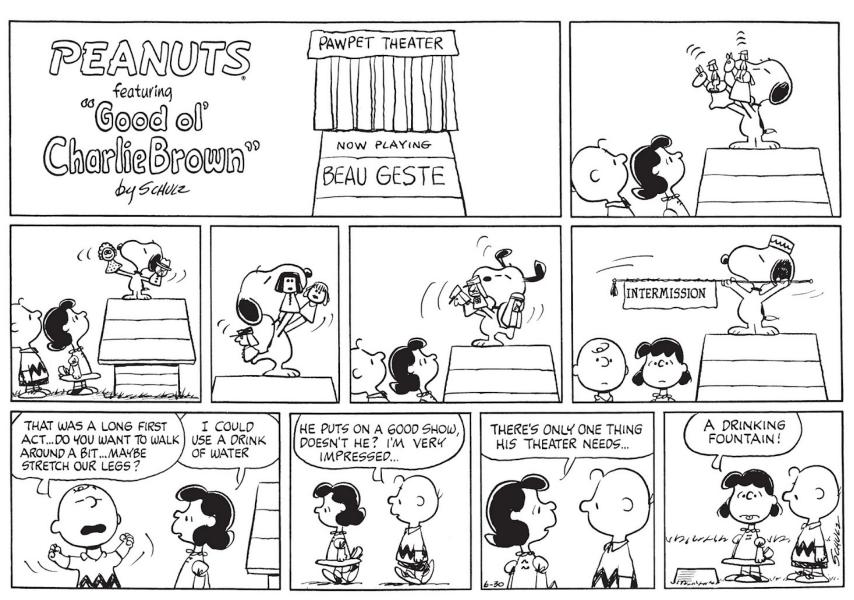






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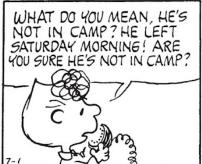
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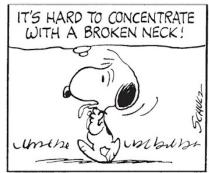
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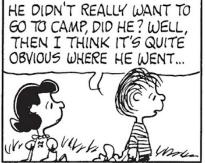
















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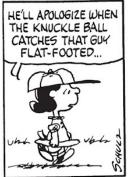












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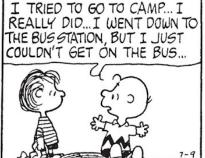


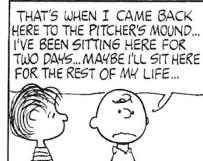




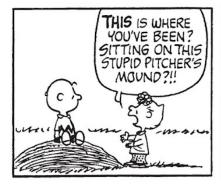






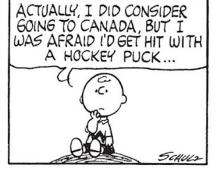












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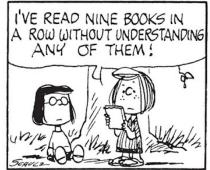
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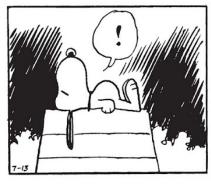
















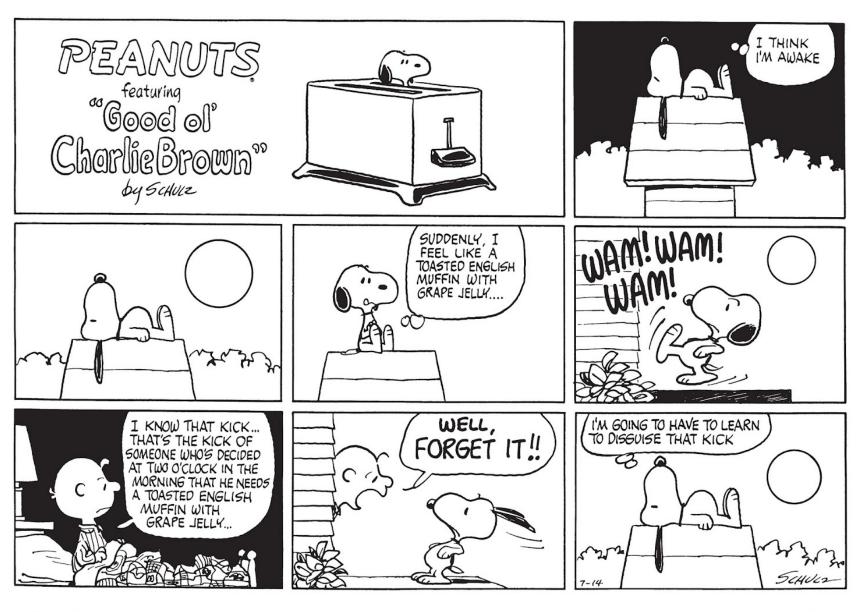


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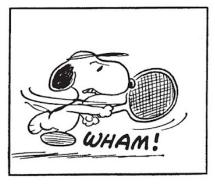
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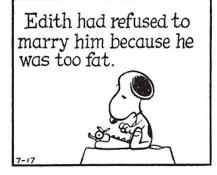


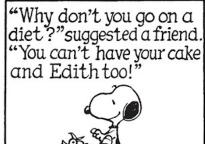












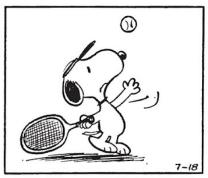


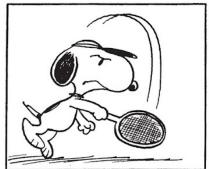


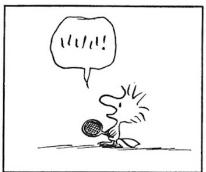
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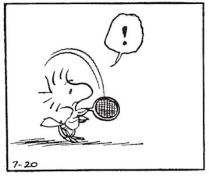


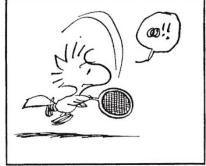


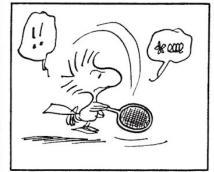








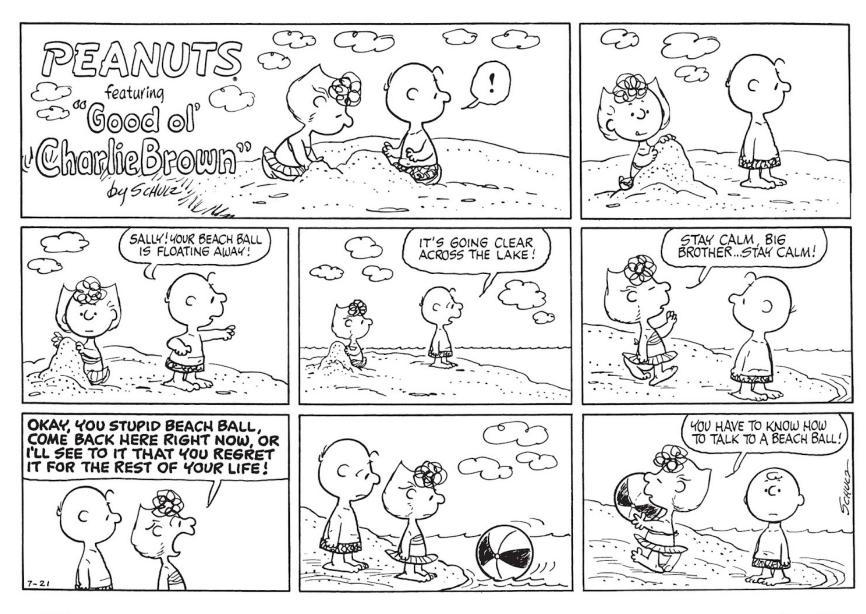






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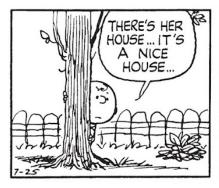




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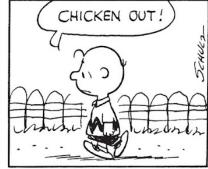
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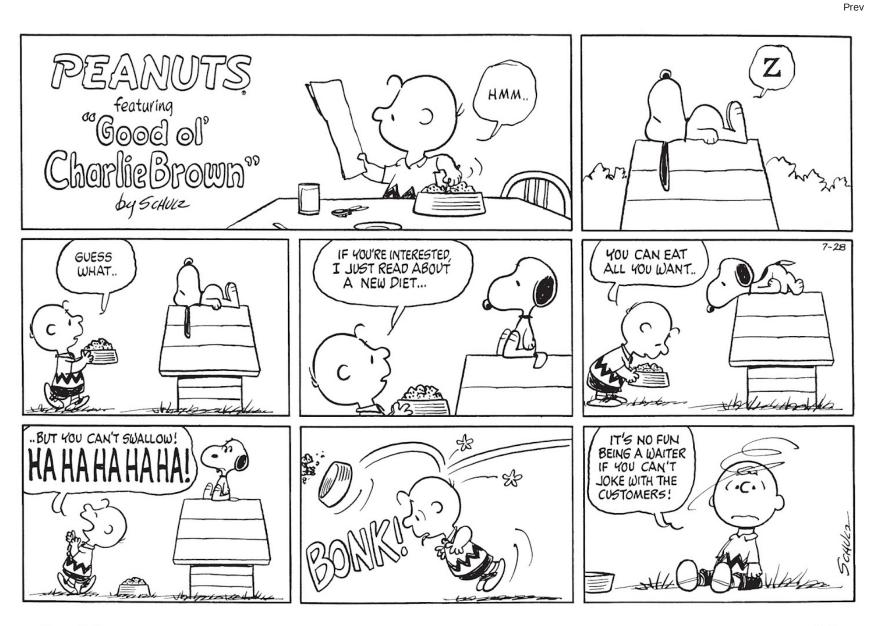








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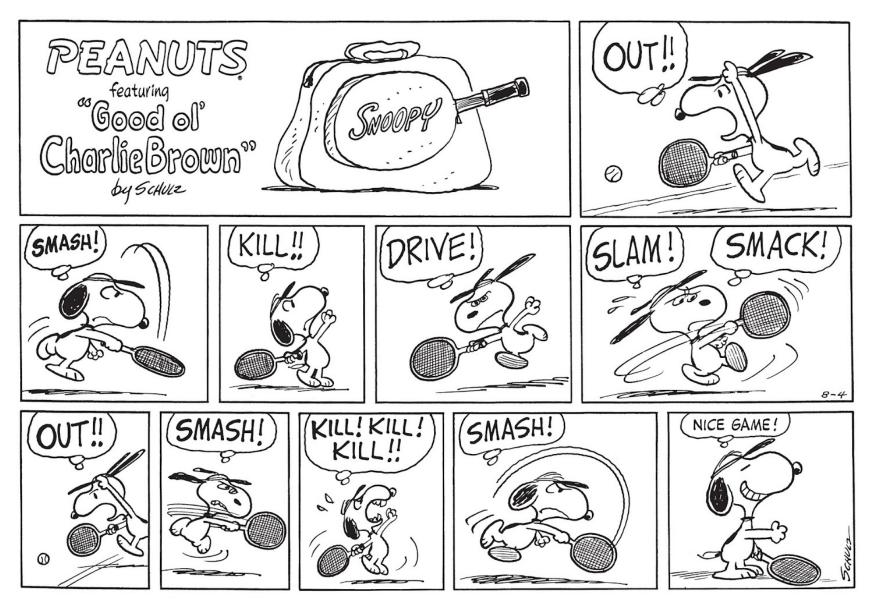






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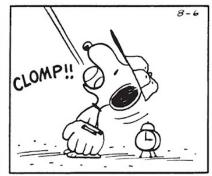






















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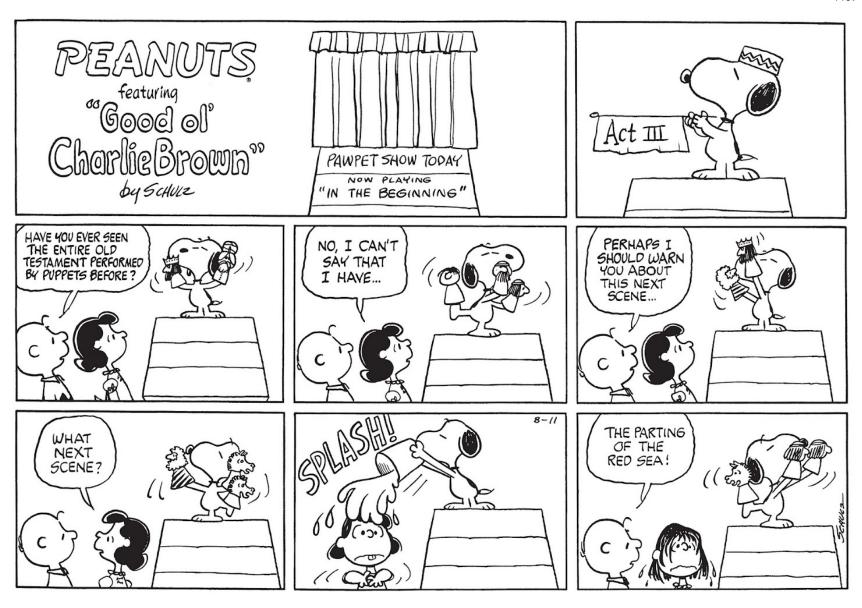








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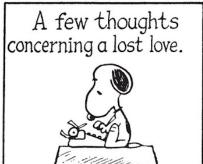
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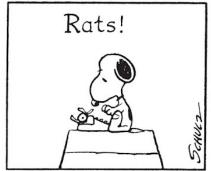
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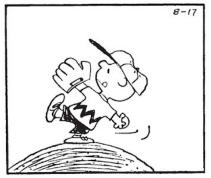














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GO TO BED!

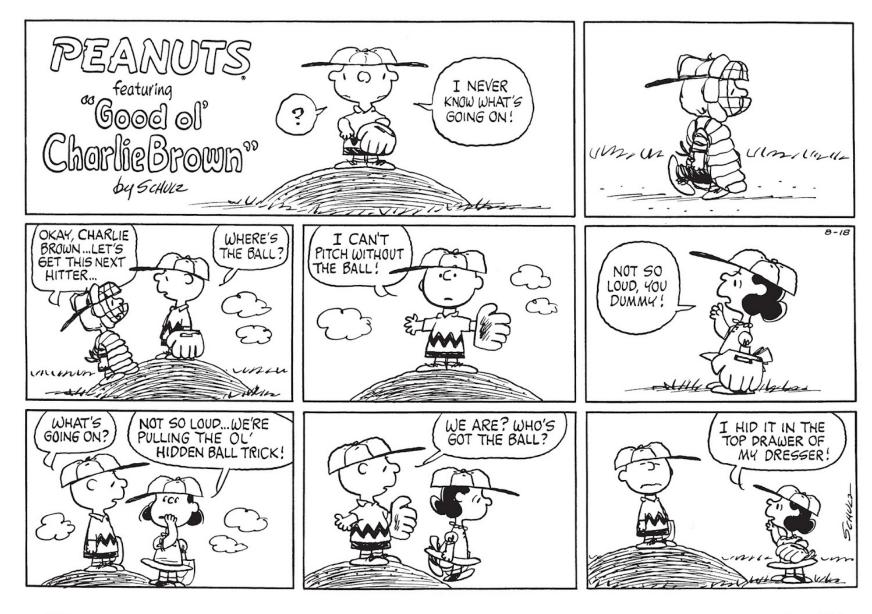


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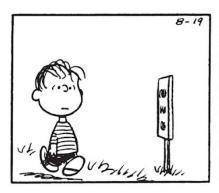
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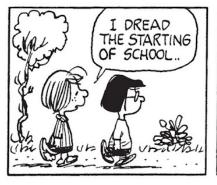
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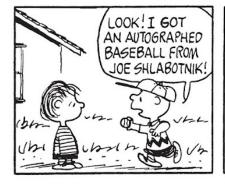


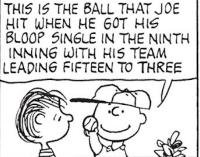














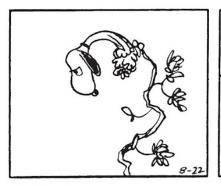


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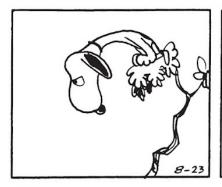
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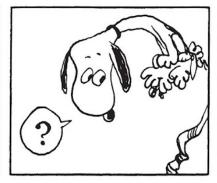






















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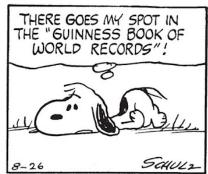
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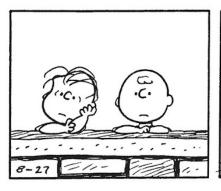
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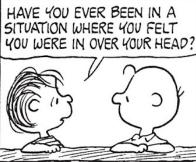






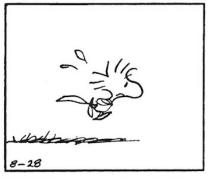






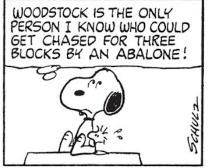






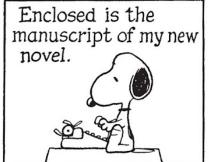




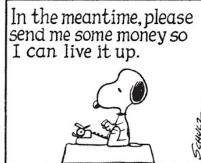


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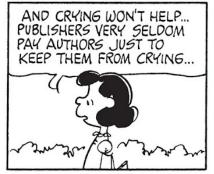










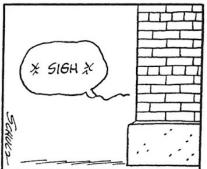








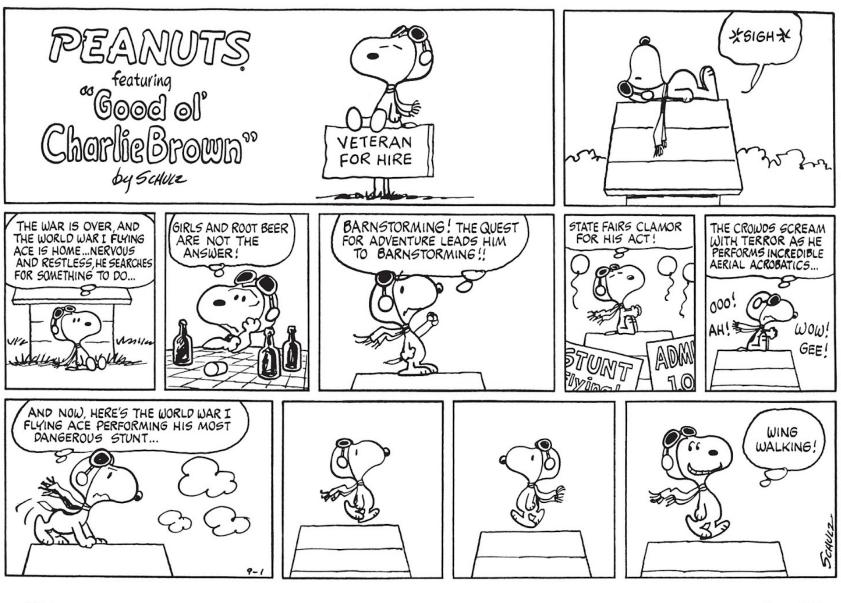




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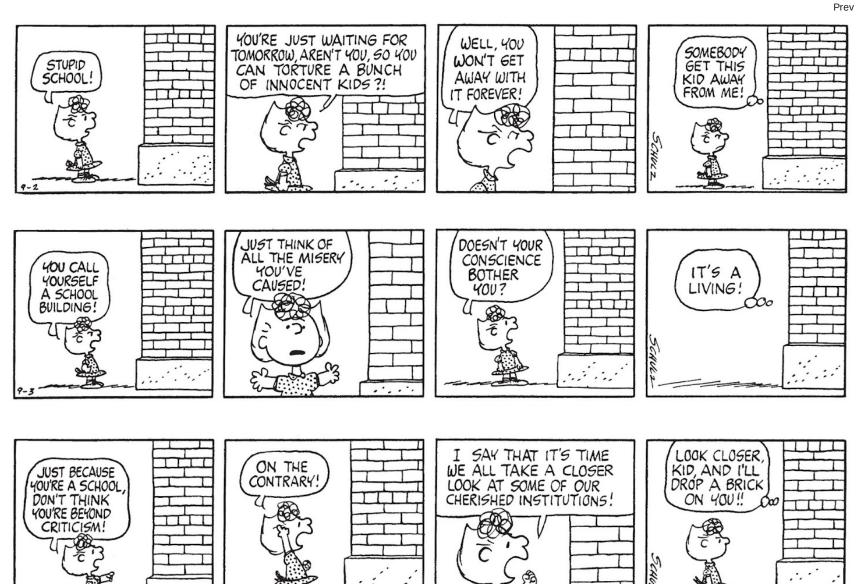
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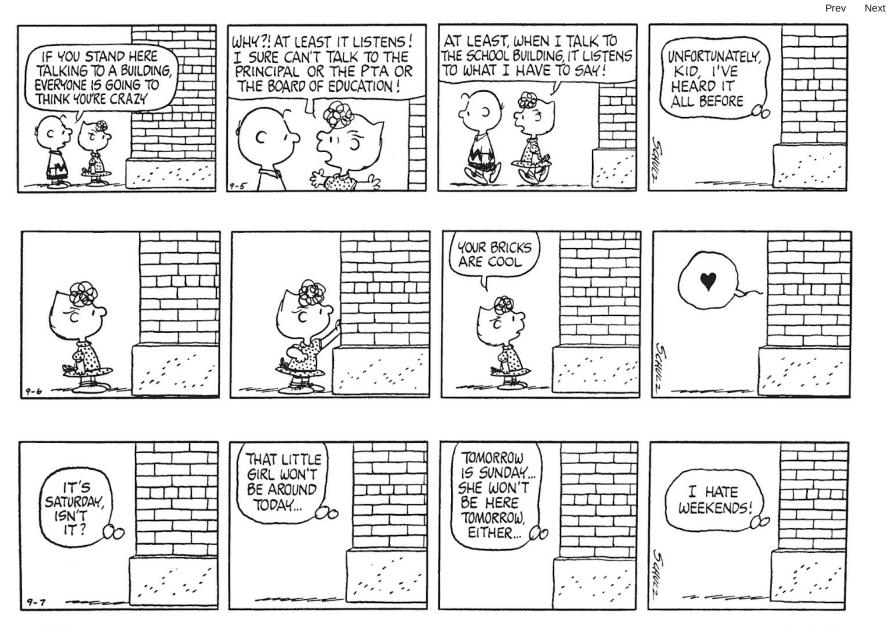
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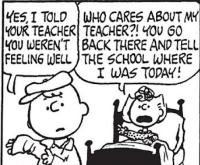


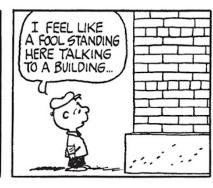


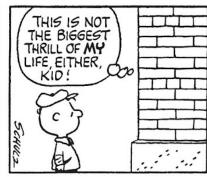


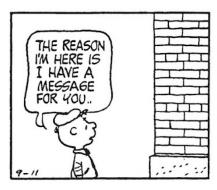


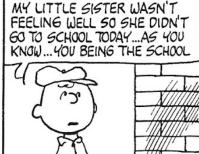




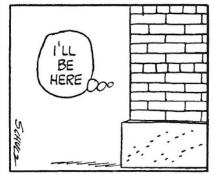












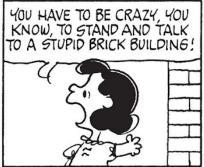
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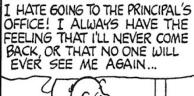




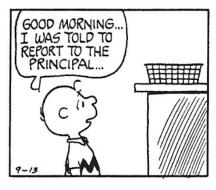




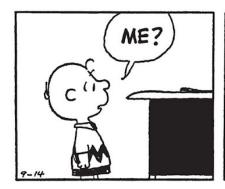


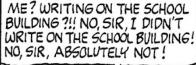


















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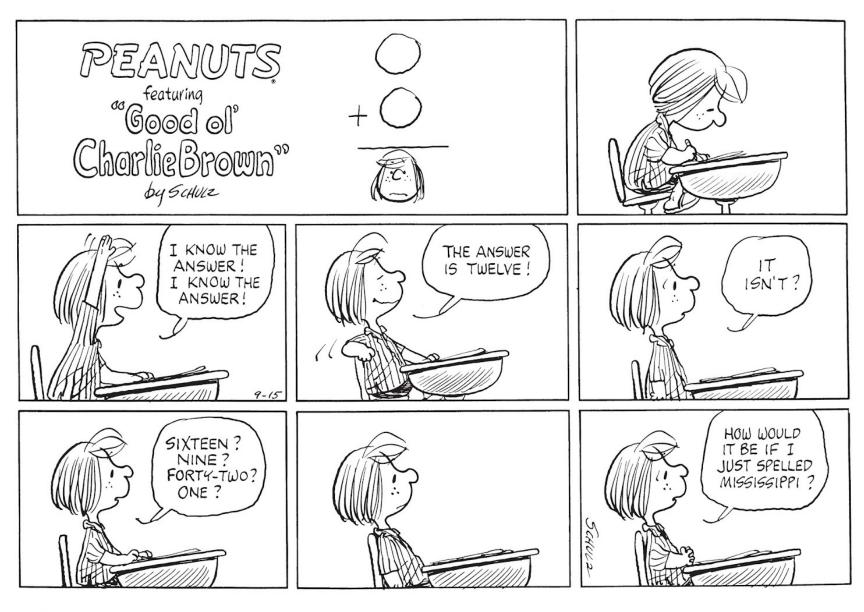
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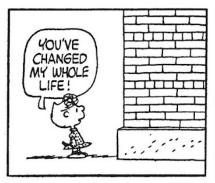
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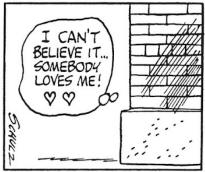




















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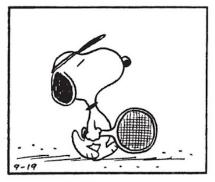
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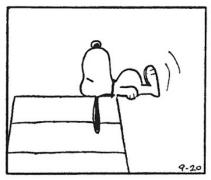
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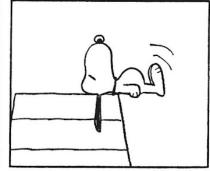








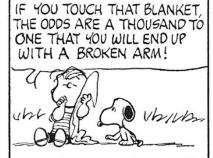








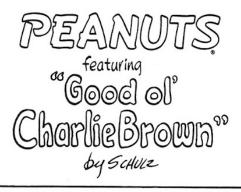




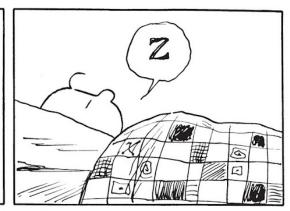


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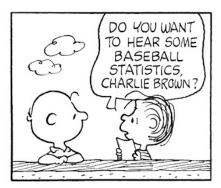


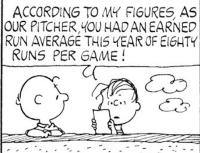


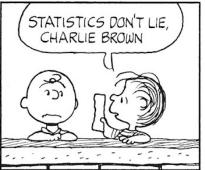
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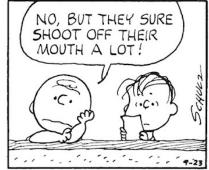
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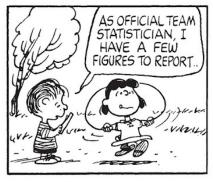
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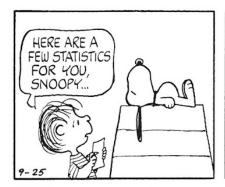




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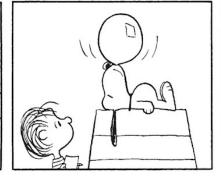






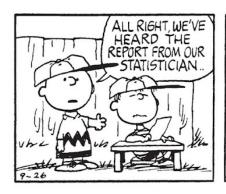
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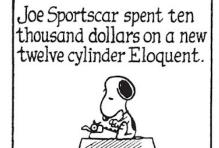
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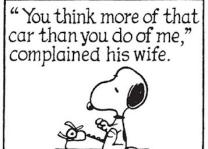


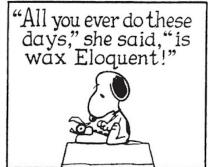




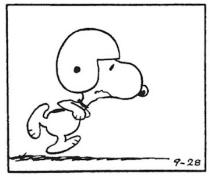


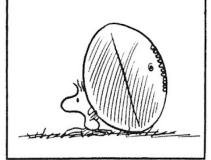




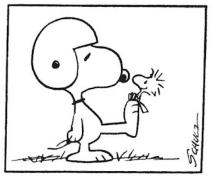










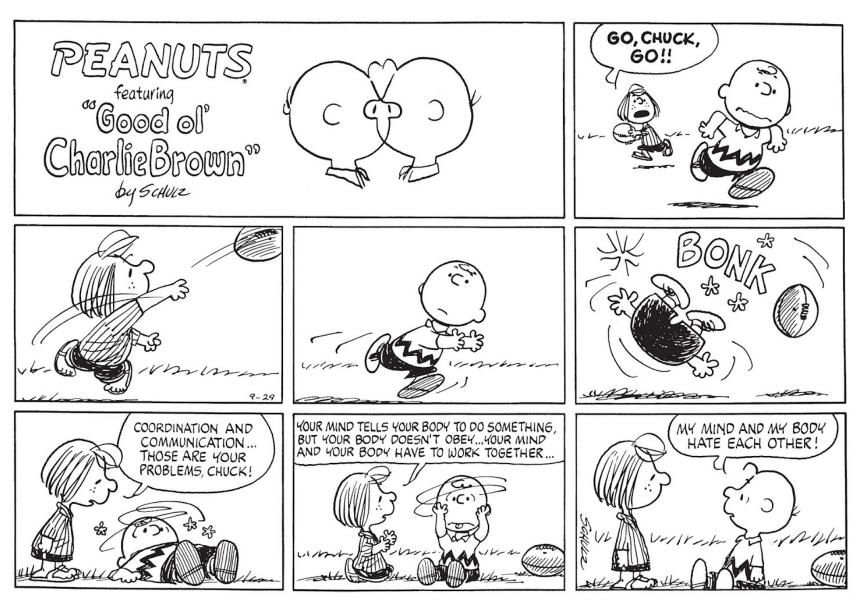


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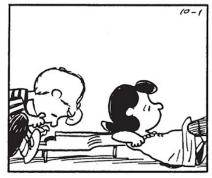






















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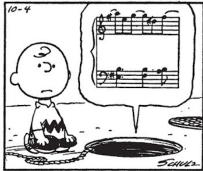


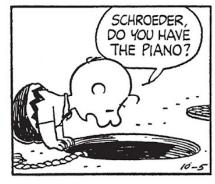










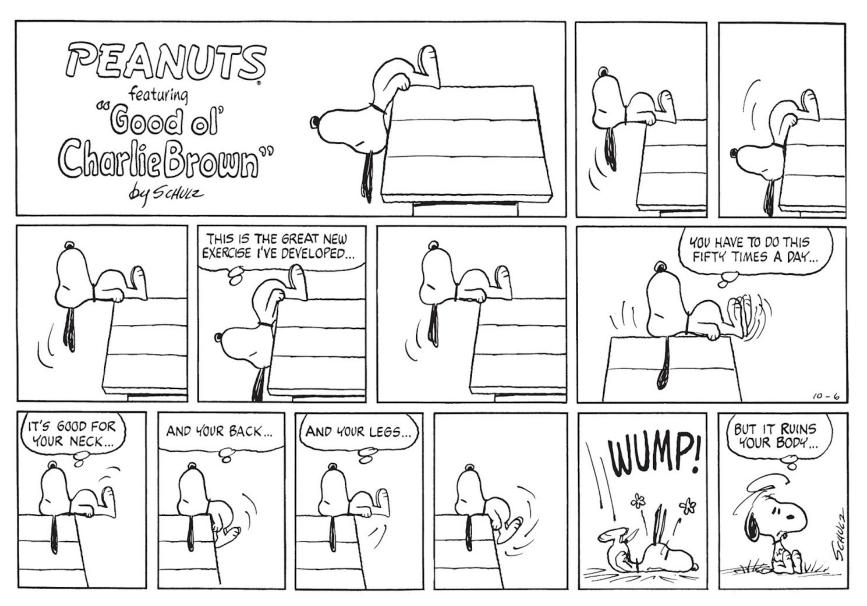








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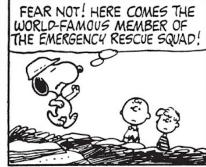
















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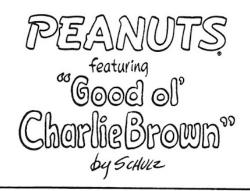






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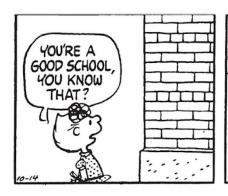




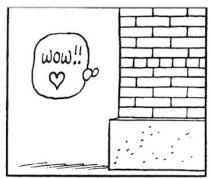


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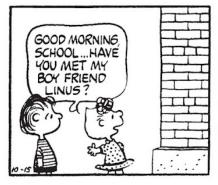
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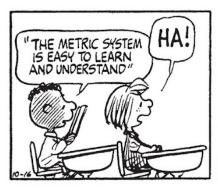


















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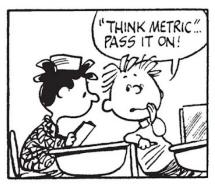
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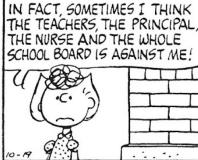


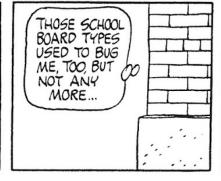


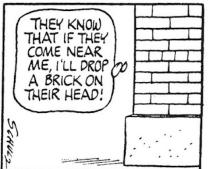








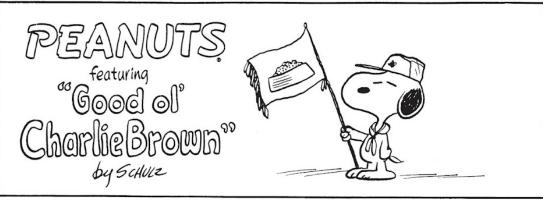




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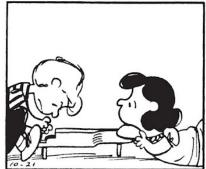


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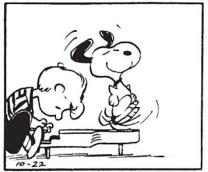
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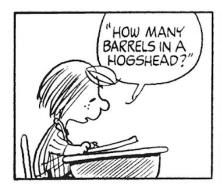
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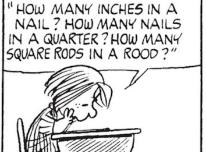






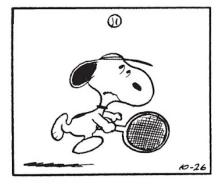














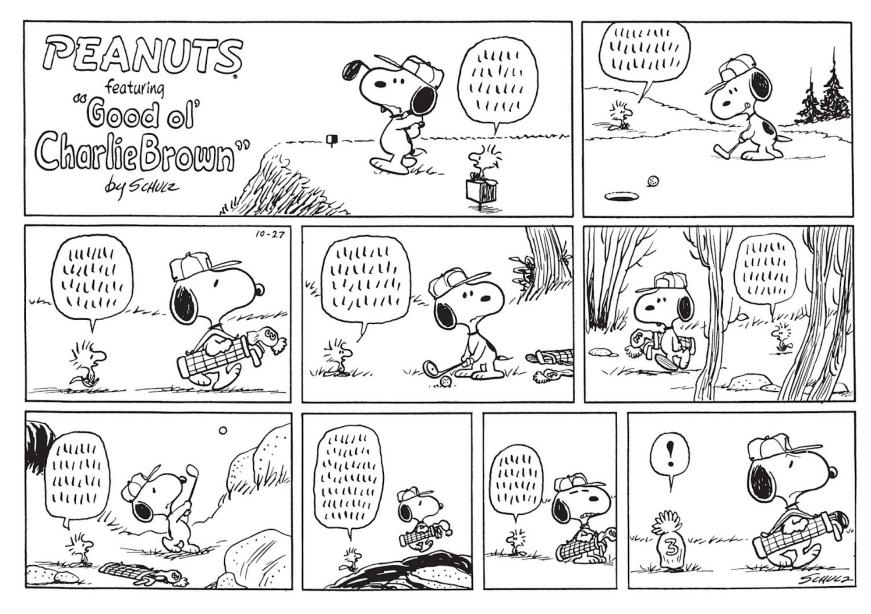




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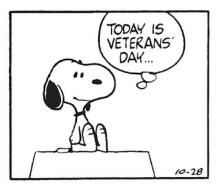
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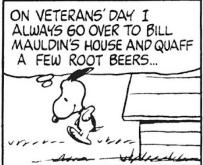
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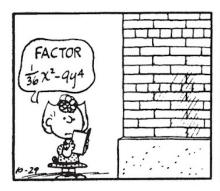
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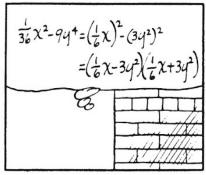




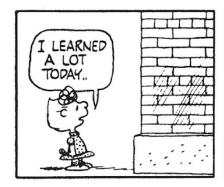






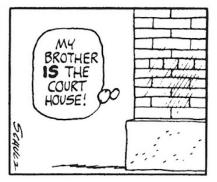












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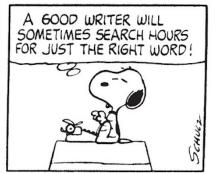






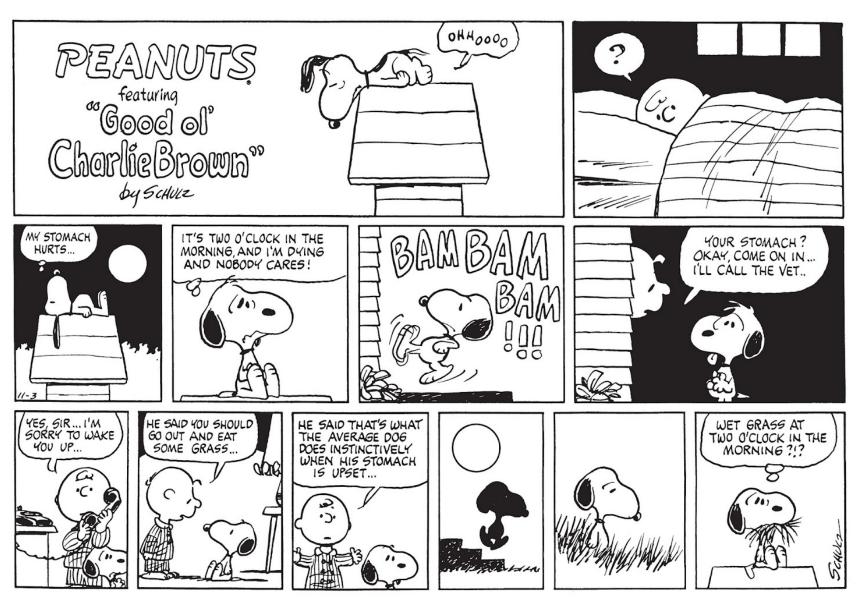






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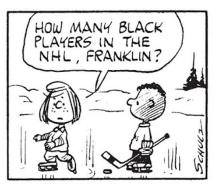








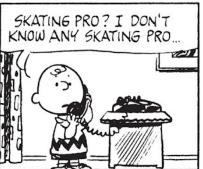




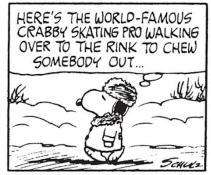
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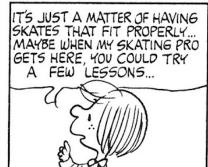




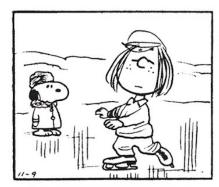














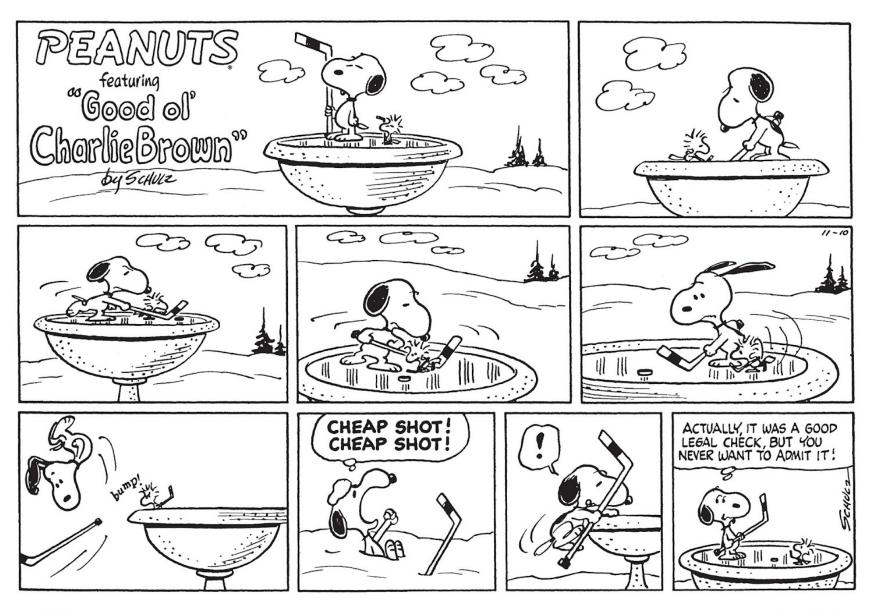




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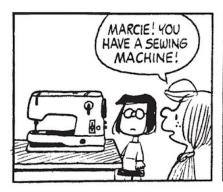
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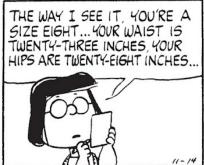


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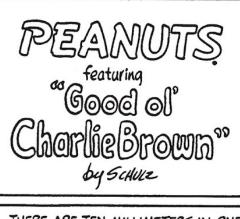


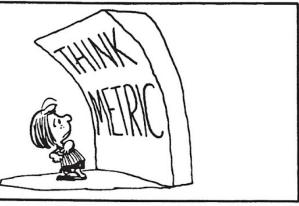




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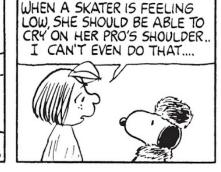














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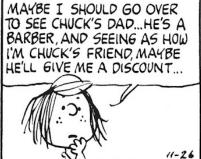
























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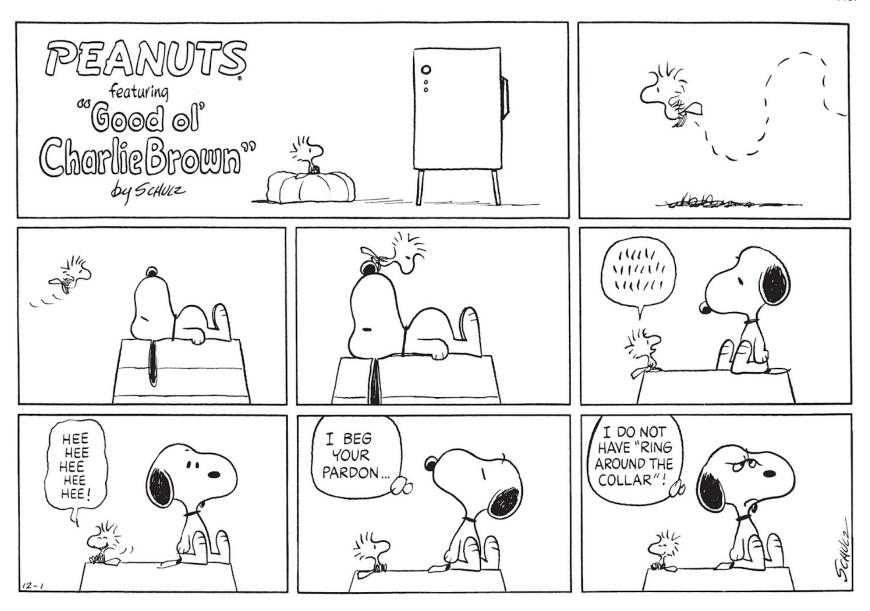








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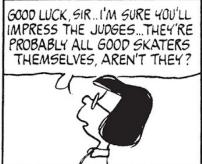










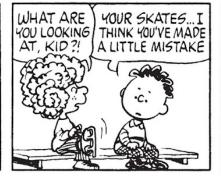














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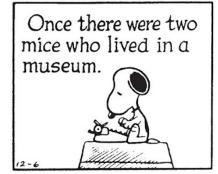
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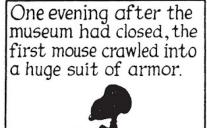


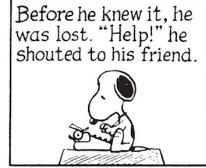










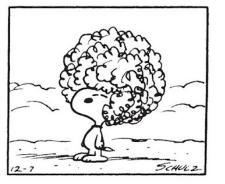






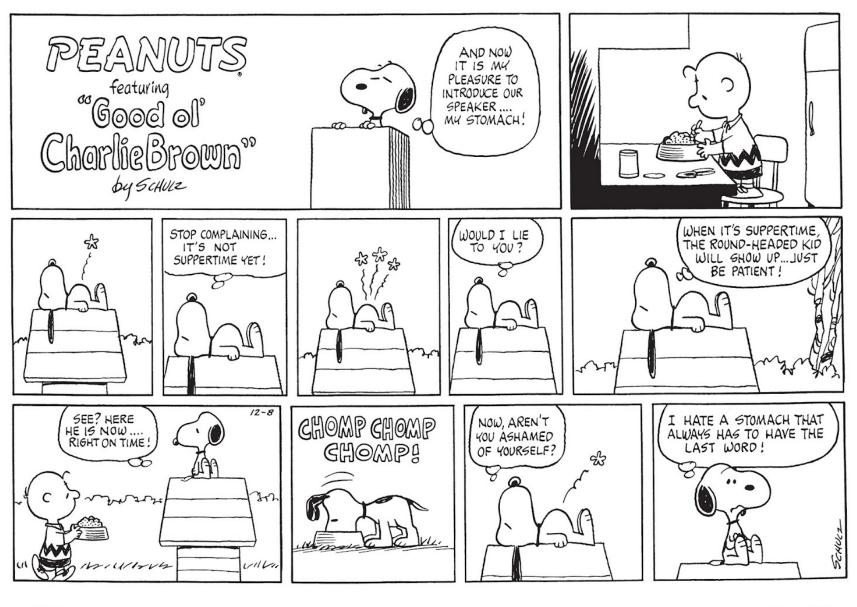






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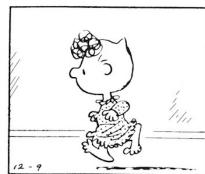


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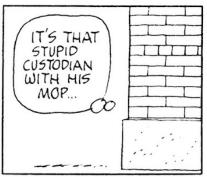
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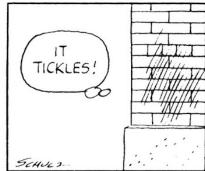
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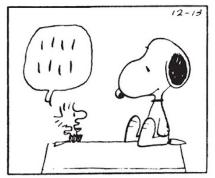
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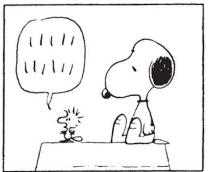






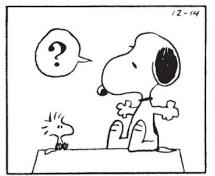


















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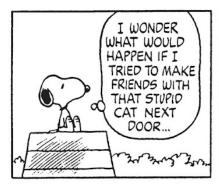
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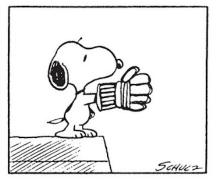


















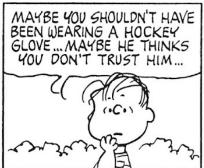


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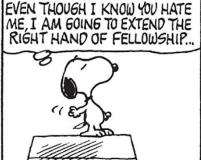














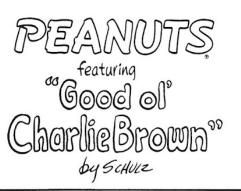


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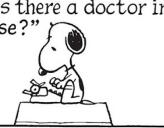
It was their first night out together in months.



During the second act one of the performers became ill.



The manager of the theater walked onto the stage, and asked, "Is there a doctor in the house?"



Her husband stood up, and shouted, "I have an honorary degree from Anderson College!"



It was at that moment when she decided not to get him anything for Christmas.



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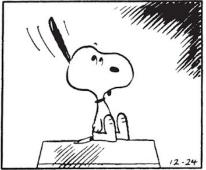
























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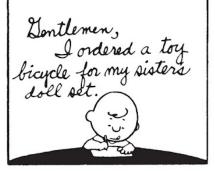
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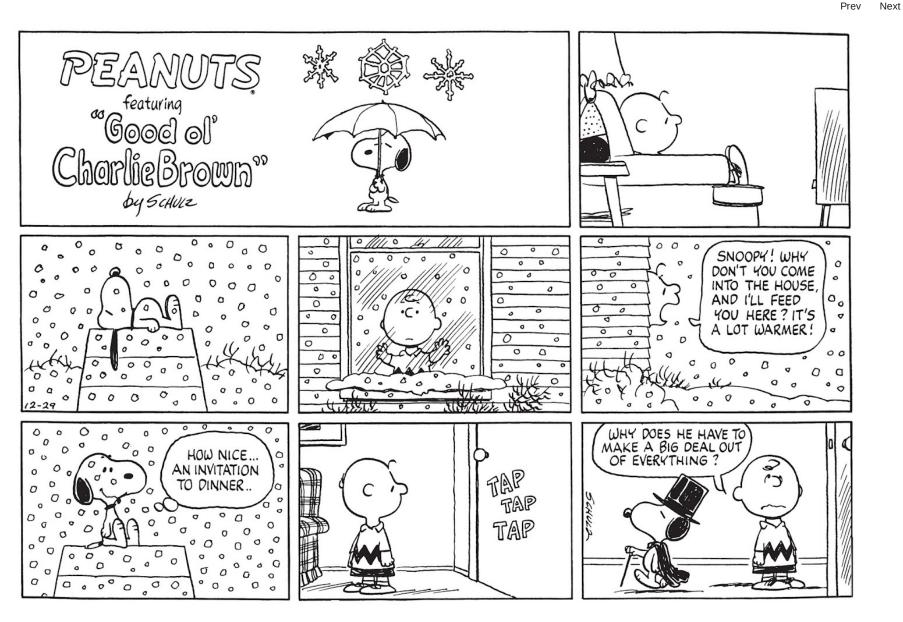




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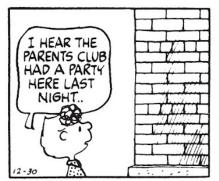


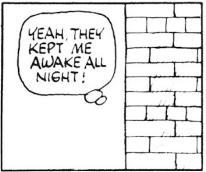
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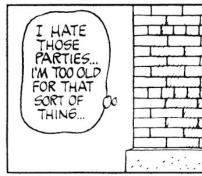
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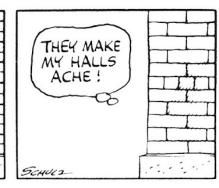
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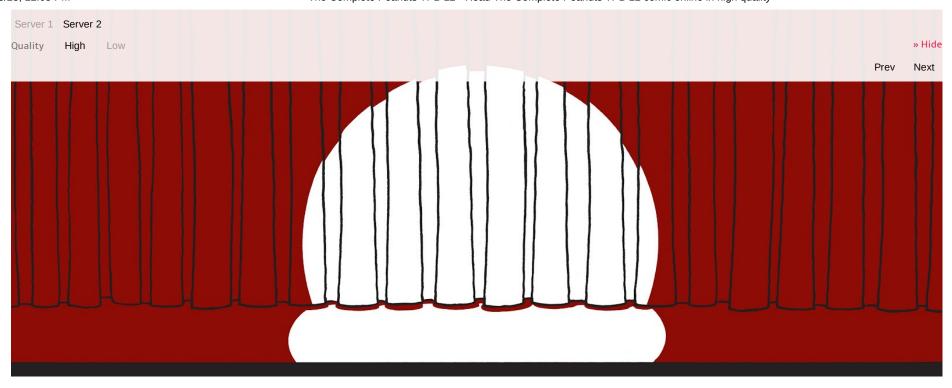






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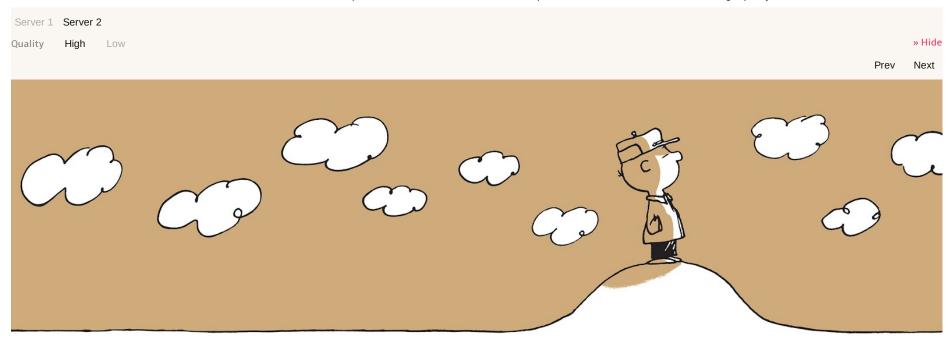
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CHARLES M. SCHULZ · 1922 to 2000

harles M. Schulz was born November 26, 1922, in Minneapolis. His destiny was foreshadowed when an uncle gave him, at the age of two days, the nickname "Sparky" (after the racehorse Spark Plug in the newspaper strip *Barney Google*).

Schulz grew up in St. Paul. By all accounts, he led an unremarkable, albeit sheltered, childhood. He was an only child, close to both parents. His eventual career path was nurtured by his father, who bought four Sunday papers every week — just for the comies.

An outstanding student, he skipped two grades early on, but began to flounder in high school — perhaps not so coincidentally at the same time kids are going through their cruelest, most status-conscious

period of socialization. The pain, bitterness, insecurity, and failures chronicled in *Peanuts* appear to have originated from this period of Schulz's life.

Although Schulz enjoyed sports, he also found refuge in solitary activities: reading, drawing, and watching movies. He bought comic books and Big Little Books, pored over the newspaper strips, and copied his favorites — *Buck Rogers*, the Walt Disney characters, *Popeye*, *Tim Tyler's Luck*. He quickly became a connoisseur; his heroes were Milton Caniff, Roy Crane, Hal Foster, and Alex Raymond.

In his senior year in high school, his mother noticed an ad in a local newspaper for a correspondence school, Federal Schools (later called Art Server 1 Server 2

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Instruction Schools). Schulz passed the talent test, completed the course, and began trying, unsuccessfully, to sell gag cartoons to magazines. (His first published drawing was of his dog, Spike, and appeared in a 1937 *Ripley's Believe It or Not!* installment.)

After World War II had ended and Schulz was discharged from the army, he started submitting gag cartoons to the various magazines of the time; his first breakthrough, however, came when an editor at *Timeless Topix* hired him to letter adventure comics. Soon after that, he was hired by his alma mater, Art Instruction, to correct student lessons returned by mail.

Between 1948 and 1950, he succeeded in selling 17 cartoons to the *Saturday Evening Post* — as well as, to the local *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, a weekly comic feature called *Li'l Folks*. It ran in the women's section and paid \$10 a week. After writing and drawing the feature for two years, Schulz asked for a better location in the paper or for daily exposure, as well as a raise. When he was turned down on all three counts, he quit.

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He started submitting strips to the newspaper syndicates. In the spring of 1950, he received a letter from the United Feature Syndicate, announcing its interest in his submission, *Li'l Folks*. Schulz boarded a train in June for New York City; more interested in doing a strip than a panel, he also brought along the first installments

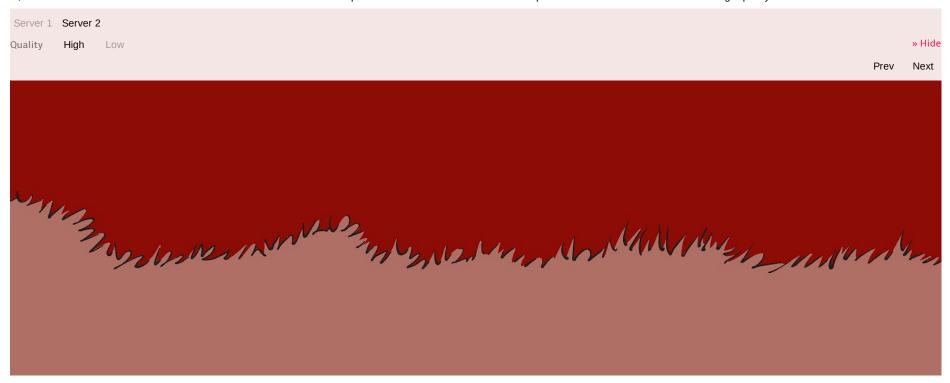
of what would become *Peanuts* — and that was what sold. (The title, which Schulz loathed to his dying day, was imposed by the syndicate.) The first *Peanuts* daily appeared October 2, 1950; the first Sunday, January 6, 1952.

Prior to *Peanuts*, the province of the comics page had been that of gags, social and political observation, domestic comedy, soap opera, and various adventure genres. Although *Peanuts* changed, or evolved, during the 50 years Schulz wrote and drew it, it remained, as it began, an anomaly on the comics page — a comic strip about the interior crises of the cartoonist himself. After a painful divorce in 1973 from which he had not yet recovered, Schulz told a reporter, "Strangely, I've drawn better cartoons in the last six months — or as good as I've ever drawn. I don't know how the human mind works." Surely, it was this kind of humility in the face of profoundly irreducible human questions that makes *Peanuts* as universally moving as it is.

Diagnosed with cancer, Schulz retired from Peanuts at the end of 1999. He died on February 12, 2000, the day before his last strip was published (and two days before Valentine's Day), having completed 17,897 daily and

Sunday strips, each and every one fully written, drawn, and lettered entirely by his own hand — an unmatched achievement in comics.

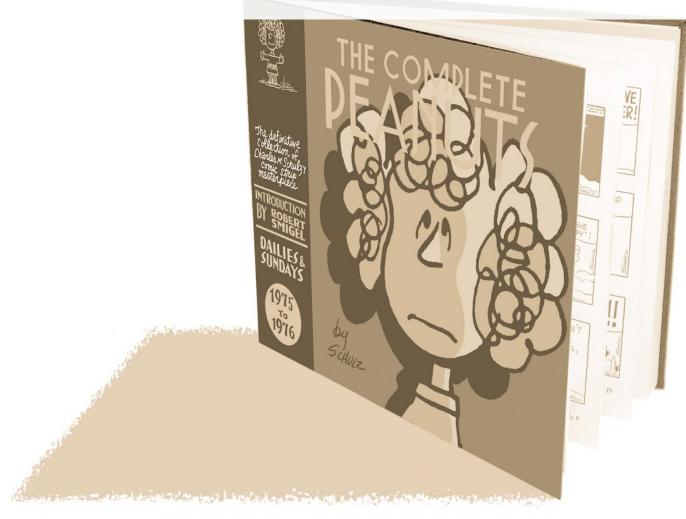
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